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## Nat'l groups back Kilili's shark fin trade ban bill

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Throwing more weight behind a bill to stop the shark finning trade around the nation, the Human Society of the United States, SeaWorld, and the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation have written to U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) to support "immediate action to halt the bloody shark fin trade."



Sablan

Sablan introduced the bill, or the Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act of 2016 on June 23 and the groups wrote a June 29 letter to the lawmaker expressing their support of the bill.

"You and your cosponsors have been leaders in efforts to prevent wildlife poaching and trafficking," write Joel Manby, Seaworld chief executive officer; Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States; and founder Guy Harvey, in the two-page

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## Demapan ask Labor for report on use of CW fee funds

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Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) wants to know



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how this fiscal year's Commonwealth Worker Fee funds were spent by the local government, after being told by the local trades school that these funds are almost depleted and how this could "drastically reduce or cancel" the school's trades classes.

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### VISIT TO ROTARY

Marcia Rouen, Pacific Circle Consortium Executive Committee member, addresses the members of the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday during the group's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan. The 40th Annual Conference of the Pacific Circle Consortium, hosted by the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and RTI International, began this week at the Saipan Southern High School. The conference drew participants from Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Taiwan, U.S. Mainland, Hawaii, South Korea, Palau, Guam, and other Pacific nations and territories.

## OAG wants attempted murder charge vs Mathewson dismissed

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The Office of the Attorney General yesterday requested the Superior Court to dismiss the attempted murder in the first degree and two other charges against William Kapono Mathewson, a 37-year-old man

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for the government, also requested the court to instead file Mathewson with two charg-

charged over the beating and stabbing of Dr. Francois Claassens with a fishing spear in the neck at the doctor's house on Rota.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds, counsel for the government, also requested the court



Mathewson

es—assault with a dangerous weapon and attempted assault with a dangerous weapon.

Camacho granted the government's request.

On April 22, 2015, OAG charged Mathewson with

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Braving intense radiation, a NASA spacecraft reached Jupiter on Monday after a five-year voyage.

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Parveen Rafiq closed her hands around the neck of her youngest daughter, Zeenat, and squeezed and squeezed until the girl was almost dead.

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Joey "Jaws" Chestnut beat his own record in regaining the Mustard Yellow International Belt on Monday.

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## Local

## 2016 LibDay parade had many firsts

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Last Monday's more than two-hour long Liberation Day Parade had a lot of firsts as various sectors of the community took part in the festivities of the 71st commemoration of the opening of the gates of the then Camp Susupe. This year's celebration's theme is Our Islands, Our Heritage.

This was the first time that it took close to three hours before the parade ended, the Vietnam War veterans and the U.S. Army Reserve joined, members of the United States Army Band and Guam Army National Guard marched, and a B-52 bomber making a flyby.

Volunteer groups, non-profit associations and organizations, various departments and government agencies, and local and visiting nationalities gathered at Quartermaster Road, the starting point of the annual parade.

Members of the Matua Riders, some having various sizes of the U.S. and CNMI flags mounted on their motorcycles, were at the front of the parade and was followed by various local elected leaders and other VIPs.

Liberation Day executive committee chair Chris Leon Guerrero had a car reserved for him but chose to join the Matua Riders at the start of the parade.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres,

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council members Antonia Tudela (chair), Alice Igitol (vice chair), and Lareina Camacho (secretary) were the CNMI leaders that were part of the parade.

Liberation Day non-profit group president Louis Rogers, Japan Consul Toshio Matsumura and his wife Kiyoko, Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Eli Arago, Korean Association president Hong Kyun Kim, Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Admiral Bette Bolivar, Skywalker Communications Group managing director Dr. Hu Bo also

rode in separate cars.

Imperial Pacific International Holdings majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie and Best Sunshine International, Ltd. chief executive officer Mark Brown rode on a private car.

Jonathan Wolf and his family was also part of the parade after the 11-year-old made history by becoming the first middle school student from the Pacific Islands District to win in the National Speech and Debate Association finals. His winning piece was Patrick Henry's 1775 speech "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death."

They were behind the Department of Public Safety Color Guard and Grand Marshall Viola Alepuyo. The 2015 Royal Court and this year's candidates were among those that received loud cheers.

Vietnam War veterans and U.S. Army Reserve rode in two military trucks, while the Yum Kwang High School Marching Band and Sung Sin University, and the 70-member Koenji Awa-odori Association flew all the way from South Korea and Japan just to join the festivities.

Hopwood Junior High School's Leadership Corps and the Mr. and Miss Hilitai,



JON PEREZ

Rotary Club of Saipan president Ivan Ilmov, right, joins some of their members as they march in the parade.



JON PEREZ

Members of the Filipino community, led by Miss Teen Pusong Pinoy Clarice Mhae Canajero, show the cultural side of various groups in the Philippines during last Monday's 71st CNMI Liberation Day Parade.

and the CNMI JROTC Unit from Kagman, Marianas, and Saipan Southern high schools were also part of the parade.

The Chinese Association of Saipan's lion dancers, the Northern Marianas Islands Football Association, Coca-Cola and Foremost, Fleet of Happiness, Falun Dafa Association of Saipan, Japanese Society of NMI, Saipan Awa-odori Team, Lion's Club International District IV-Region II, Mariana Stamp & Coin Club, McDonald's Saipan, American Red Cross NMI Chapter, Rotary Club of Saipan, trucks by J.J. Cabrera's 670 Lifts, Stellar Marianas' Miss Teen and Miss CNMI candidates were among those who represented non-profit groups and businesses.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority-Airport Rescue

Firefighting, Department of Commerce, Commonwealth Office of Transport Authority, Homeland Security and Emergency, Department of Public Safety, Joeten Kiyu Public Library, the CNMI Women's Affairs Office, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs-Office on Aging were the government agencies that took part in the parade.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Tan Holdings, the United Filipino Organization, Papgo Familian Lancheros, Commonwealth Health Center Corp. Employees Association, Kosch Refaluwasch Carolinian Affairs Office, Department of Public Works, Marianas Visitors Authority, Marshallese Association, Department of Public Lands, and SM LLC were the competition floats entries.

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Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a Special Meeting on **Thursday, July 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. Public attendance is welcome. The order of business of the Board, unless changed by the majority vote of its members, shall be as follows:

## AGENDA\*

- I. Preliminary Matters
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Reading of Notice Calling Special Meeting
  - D. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments\*\*
- III. Fiscal Year 2017 Operations Budget
- IV. Executive Session\*\*\*
  - A. Personnel Matters
- V. Adjournment

\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.  
 \*\* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.  
 \*\*\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



# Leepan incensed with fees for political signboards

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A regulation change to fees on signboards made effective earlier this year ramps up a previous flat fee of \$100 for political signboards for candidates seeking political office to a range of \$50-\$100 per signboard in certain designated zones.

Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan) recently has drawn concern to these changes but the Department of Public Lands, the administer of these regulations, says there were nothing new with regulations, which were published last November and effective in February, and no comments, including Guerrero's, were received on the regulation change on the matter of signboards during the months long comment period.

DPL has also tried to charge the previous flat fee for political signboards, according to DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo, but the Attorney General's Office has advised that the fees must apply until regulations are changed, which she suggested yesterday would be forthcoming.

Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that he submitted an application to place campaign signboards on the road, be it private or public, and paid a \$100 application fee about two months ago.

"We waited patiently for two months, even with numerous attempts to follow up what seems to be the hold back, just to be told it's under review, it's

under review," he said. "And now to receive this...stating that there's some changes on the signboard fees. Apparently, they have a new set of rules and regulations. When we submitted the application process, it was not provided to my attention or directed to my or the committee's attention that there are going to be changes the rules and fees that are going to be imposed."

DPL now charges a \$100 fee per signboard in "primary" zones, \$70 per signboard in secondary, and \$50 per signboard in tertiary zones.

"Why in the first place can you not share that information when the committee members of the chairman submit that application? Why do you wait two months?" he said, referring to an email he received the morning of the interview late last month.

"These are only temporary signs, only good for four or five months then it's taken down. For such an enormous, exorbitant fee—we are not in the business of the making money. All the fundraising we make is to address the costs associated with campaigning. This is ridiculous. DPL should revisit this."

He said he wants the DPL secretary to address with to all the representatives that are seeking re-election.

"It's obvious that the this ill-advice by whoever the [legal] counsel is for DPL. I am protesting this exorbitant fee because I submitted my application timely and was not even

consulted there was going to be changes in the fee," he said.

"A hundred dollars. That's all I paid," said Guerrero, when asked how much he paid his last campaign. Guerrero is running for re-election again this November.

Teregeyo clarifies though that these regulations are not new but rather implemented before she got into office.

The regulations are available online on our website at [www.dpl.gov.mp](http://www.dpl.gov.mp) and regulations were published in November and effective in February 2016.

"They were published in the Commonwealth Register and available for comment, to which none were submitted regarding signboards. Representative Lee Pan did not submit a comment when the regulations were published for comment, which eventually became adopted (before I was at DPL)," Teregeyo told *Saipan Tribune* in an email.

She said because the regulation on signboard was "not specific" as to political signboards which are seasonal, temporary, and every two years, and are different from business sign-

boards which are more permanent, at her discretion, she said she signed three signboard permits each paying the old fee of \$100 and forwarded the permits to the Attorney General for signature (All permits require the AG's signature).

"Shortly after, the permits were returned unsigned from the AG and a letter to me, indicating that DPL should charge the fee according to the regulation. This means that all political signboards will have to pay per signboard and per location," Teregeyo said.

"The AG and I discussed

this in person, and he indicated that DPL will have to amend the regulation to address political signboards in the future, however, in the meantime, signboard fee's apply."

"Again, the regulation is not new, and is available on DPL's website, the regulation were published in November and effective in February 2016. DPL will be submitting an amendment to the regulation to address several inconsistencies on other matters as well, and will announce to the general public so that they can submit their comments."

## Air Force to conduct training at FDM

**ASAN, Guam**—The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla from July 6 to 7, 11am-5pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and

unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, provide sufficient room to conduct the many training profiles required to support aircrew combat readiness requirements.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)



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# FSM senator Romolow donates money for CNMI for Soudelor relief

More than 300 Northwest Island residents of Chuuk, including those born and residing on Saipan, received post Typhoon Soudelor food relief from Federated States of Micronesia Congress-

man Robson Romolow this month, said the Office of the Governor yesterday.

Congressman Romolow contributed \$15,000 to the Northwest Island residents in the care of Namon Taipung

Association (NTA), a CNMI chartered and 501c designated non-profit organization overseeing the needs of the residents of the Northwest Islands.

The funds were paid di-

rectly to Joeten Superstore this month for the residents to obtain food items as part of FSM Congressman Romolow's contribution to those affected by Typhoon Soudelor, said the Office of

the Governor in a statement.

"We are very grateful to Congressman Romolow and are humbled by this humane gesture. For us, it's the thought that counts," said NTA president Jimmy G. Sablan.

The Northwest Islands includes the atolls of Fananu, Murilo, Nomwin, Ruu, Magur, Onari, Ono, Pissarach, Ulul, Pollap, Polowot, Pulusuk, and Tamatam. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

## Pacific Community study finds wave energy feasible in the region

**NADI, Fiji**—On the eve of World Oceans Day, the Pacific Community (SPC) has released a study confirming that wave energy could be a cost-effective energy resource for Pacific Island countries and territories.

Entitled Cost analysis of wave energy in the Pacific, the study analysed wave energy resources in the Pacific and calculated the costs and potential power generation of a wave energy converter in a variety of locations, to determine whether wave energy could be a feasible alternative to fossil fuels.

It identifies most wave energy potential for Pacific Island countries and territo-

ries exposed to the southern ocean swells, such as French Polynesia, Tonga, Cook Islands and New Caledonia.

"The best candidates for this renewable energy technology are islands south of latitude 20°S because they receive substantially more wave energy from southern ocean swells," SPC Coastal Oceanographer, Dr. Cyprien Bosserelle, who led the European Union-funded study.

According to Bosserelle, ocean waves are often cited as an appealing source of renewable energy in the Pacific, yet the costs of purchasing, deploying, operating and maintaining the necessary technology – known as wave

energy converters – were previously unknown.

The study finds that the cost of generating energy using waves is on par with other renewable energies, such as wind and solar, and that in some Pacific sites it could compete with the cost of diesel generators.

Bosserelle is presenting the study at the 31st Science, Technology and Resources (STAR) Conference in Nadi, Fiji, hosted by the Government of Fiji (from 6-8 June) and supported by SPC through its Geoscience Division.

Renewable energy challenges and solutions for the region are also being high-

lighted today by SPC Deputy Director-General, Cameron Diver, at the Pacific Energy Conference in Auckland, co-hosted by the New Zealand Government and the European Union.

"Filling knowledge gaps to enable innovation and investment in clean energy alternatives is vital if we are to meet our 2030 ambitions set out in the Sustainable Development Goals," Mr Diver said.

"This latest SPC study suggests that wave energy is a genuine contender for the development of renewable energy in the Pacific, and provides important data to support decision-making.

"The deployment of wave energy converters in the Pacific could provide an opportunity for the technology to prove itself in the region and attract the attention of investors, policy-makers and decision-makers around the world," Mr Diver said.

The research was made possible by the ACP Caribbean and Pacific Research

Programme for Sustainable Development, funded by the European Union and implemented by the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States.

The Cost analysis of wave energy in the Pacific is available on the following website: [http://wacop.gsd.spc.int/WACOP-COE\\_Wave\\_Pacific-FINAL.pdf](http://wacop.gsd.spc.int/WACOP-COE_Wave_Pacific-FINAL.pdf). **(PR)**

## SHARK FIN

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letter to Sablan. "We applaud your turning this hard-won expertise and influence to the shark trade."

The groups say finning demands the cutting of fins, a small percentage of body weight, from living sharks and then discarding the fatally wounded animals to die.

Upwards of 75 million sharks are killed every year, far outpacing many species' capacities to replenish, the groups said.

As result, the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red list of Threatened Species has estimated that a quarter of all shark species are threatened with extinction, the groups

said, and studies have shown that shark population declines ripple out to affect the global marine ecosystems in "alarming and irreversible ways."

The groups said they join Sablan's efforts and are also working to educate the public about the urgent need for shark and ocean conservation.

The groups said the U.S. has already banned shark finning, in recognition of its brutality and waste, and Sablan's bill would take the "responsible next step" to protect endangered wildlife and marine ecosystems by brining federal law in line with trade and possession bands already adopted in eleven of the U.S. most large and diverse states, including Texas, California, and New York.

## APTC info sessions to be held in Savusavu, Labasa, and Suva

The Australian-Pacific Technical College will be holding Information Sessions in Fiji on Wednesday, July 6, in Labasa; on Friday, July 8, in Savusavu; and on Thursday, July 14, in Suva. The Information Sessions are being conducted to provide information about APTC's technical and vocational courses available to Fiji citizens.

The APTC Information Session will provide information about APTC courses, scholarship opportunities and application requirements. All interested applicants are encouraged to bring with them an original and copy of the their; passport, birth certificate, qualifications and educa-

tion results, work references from current and previous employers and work history such as a resume. This will assist applicants to complete the application process in person on the day. APTC representatives will be on site to assist and answer questions. Individuals are required to have a minimum equivalent of one year full-time industry experience and/or hold a local qualification.

APTC is an innovative development initiative funded by the Australian Government to deliver training to increase the supply of skilled workers in the Pacific region. APTC training is delivered across five campus countries – Fiji,

Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Samoa and Solomon Islands and is open to citizens from the 14 Pacific Island Forum countries (PIF).

APTC delivers internationally recognised Australian qualifications including Certificate III, IV and some Diploma level courses in: individual support, automotive, construction, disability, early childhood education and care, electrical, engineering, garment manufacturing, health service, hospitality, community development, painting and decorating, plumbing, tourism, wall and floor tiling and youth work.

There is limited availability for full or partial

scholarship assistance for Fijian citizens. The APTC scholarship program provides financial assistance to Pacific Islanders to promote access and equity, especially for individuals from smaller island states and for those without other means of support.

For more information, please contact APTC Fiji Campus on phone number 3300967. This event is open to the general public.

For more information, please contact the APTC Promotion and Communication team on email: [media@aptc.edu.au](mailto:media@aptc.edu.au) or: [sherita.sharma@aptc.edu.au](mailto:sherita.sharma@aptc.edu.au) Phone: +679 7021819 or visit our website on [www.aptc.edu.au](http://www.aptc.edu.au). **(PR)**

## DEMAPAN

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tion that one of the recipient of these funds, namely, the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, has been informed by your office that the funds derived from the CW fee fund is almost depleted," Demapan wrote in a July 5 letter to Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero.

"If this is the case, I respectfully request your office to delineate the expenditure of these funds from the beginning of the current fiscal year to date," he added. "The Commonwealth is at a critical jun-

ture as we raced against time to build the capacity of our citizen workforce in light of the looming expiration of the 2019 CW transition deadline. As such, it is more critical than ever for the Commonwealth to ensure that funds dedicated to training and enhancing our citizen workforce is being spent for exactly that purpose."

CW fees are sourced from the federal law which established the transition worker program and last year's fiscal budget bill appropriated \$1.7 million of these and designed them to the Labor secretary as the discretionary authority.

They were restricted solely for the purpose of ongoing vocational educational curricula, program development by CNMI educational entities, and related data survey.

Comment from the Labor department was not yet available as of press time yesterday.

Demapan says it is unknown at this point, what kind of adverse impact a depleted fund would pose on the Northern Marianas College, which is another recipient of these funds.

"I am dismayed to find out that...NMTI is now on the verge of having to drastically reduce or cancel its scheduled classes in auto-

motive, hotel and restaurant operations, culinary arts, construction, electrical, and air-conditioning because of the unexpected news that the CW Fee Funds are nearing depletion this early in the fiscal year," Demapan said in the two-page letter.

He said the Commonwealth has exerted tremendous efforts to prepare its citizens for the workforce and said it was imperative that they continue to move in this direction to "not just build our workforce, but also attract our graduates from colleges and universities abroad to return to the CNMI and become part of our growing economy."

## OAG

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attempted degree murder in the first degree, aggravated assault and battery, and three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

In the government's request yesterday to amend information, Hinds said after careful review of the evidence and several discussions with Claassens, the Commonwealth believes that it is in the best interests of justice to amend the information.

Hinds said Rule 7(e) the Commonwealth Rules of Criminal Procedure permits an information to be amended at any time before verdict or finding if no additional or different offense is charged and if substantial rights of the defendant are not prejudiced.

In this case, the prosecutor said, the government asserts that three offenses are being dismissed and two counts being pursued, thereby, decreasing the maximum exposure to

imprisonment Mathewson is faced with.

Hinds said this amendment will neither unduly prejudice Mathewson nor compromise these proceedings.

Mathewson did not oppose the motion.

The jury trial is currently set on Rota on Oct. 11, 2016. Camacho will preside over the trial.

Mathewson, a farmer/fisherman, stabbed the then-60-year-old Claassens in the neck with a fishing spear and clubbed him on the head with a big pot and chain, police said.

The brutal attack happened in the backyard of the doctor's house in Teneto Village on Rota on April 4, 2015. Mathewson's house is located near the doctor's residence.

Claassens has recovered from his injuries.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato had earlier disclosed that his client, Mathewson, will rely upon the defense of insanity at the time when he committed the alleged crimes.



# Mother of 2 US citizen children adds DHS chief, others as defendants

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Amalia Abo Guanlao, a Filipino mother who has been in the CNMI for 22 years now and has two minor U.S. citizen children, has amended her court action to avoid being separated from her family by adding claims and defendants, including U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch.

Guanlao, through counsel Stephen C. Woodruff, filed on Friday before the U.S. District Court for the NMI, an amended petition for writ of habeas corpus and complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief.

Guanlao's first court action was a petition for writ of habeas corpus, in which she named only three defendants—Immigration and Customs Enforcement supervisory detention and deportation officer Gerald Zedde, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Enforcement and Removal Operations acting supervisor M. Samaniego, and ICE immigration officer G. Andersen.

In the amended court action, aside from Zedde, Samaniego,

and Andersen, Guanlao added as defendants—DHS Secretary Johnson, U.S. AG Lynch, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick, USCIS/DHS Guam/CNMI field office director Stephen P. Green, USCIS/DHS Guam/CNMI acting field office director Irene Adame, USCIS/DHS California Service Center directors Rosemary Langley Melville and Kathy A. Baran, and USCIS/DHS California Service Center acting director Donna P. Campagnolo.

In Guanlao's original petition, Woodruff requested the federal court to determine the legality of Guanlao's continued detention and intended removal from the U.S. or the CNMI. Woodruff asked the court to immediately order a stay of removal during the pendency of this case as her removal would result in irreparable harm to her and her two U.S. citizen children.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has stayed the pending court's order to remove Guanlao, while the court hears the petition on the merits. Manglona said she is mindful of the sensitive nature

of these proceedings and will expedite the process.

In the amended court action, Woodruff asked the court to rule that Guanlao is entitled to a writ of habeas corpus on account of failure and refusal by respondents to exercise discretion where required by law and/or policy to do so.

Woodruff asserted that Guanlao's constructive custody for the purpose of her forced physical removal from the U.S. is contrary to statutory right and in derogation of her constitutional right to due process of law.

The lawyer said Guanlao is entitled to declaratory judgment that she was lawfully present in the CNMI as of Nov. 27-28, 2009 and therefore entitled pursuant to the Consolidated Natural Resources Act to continue to live and work in the CNMI at least until June 9, 2011.

Woodruff said his client is entitled to declaratory judgment that she was lawfully present in the CNMI as of Nov. 27-28, 2009 pursuant to the grant of umbrella permit by order of the CNMI Attorney General and therefore entitled pursuant to the CNRA to continue to live and work in the CNMI through Nov. 27, 2011.

The lawyer said the petitioner is entitled to an order reopening the period of her to file a petition for review with the Court of Appeals respecting the May 14, 2015 Board of Immigration of Appeals final order of removal.

He said Guanlao is entitled to an order reopening the 90-day period in which she may file motions to reopen with the BIA or the Immigration Court.

Woodruff asked the court to continue in effect the stay of Guanlao's removal during the pendency of this case without which she could be removed, resulting in irreparable harm to both Guanlao and her two U.S. citizen children.

Guanlao was placed in removal proceedings by the DHS in March 2011. On Sept. 10, 2013, the immigration judge ordered her removal.

Guanlao filed an appeal, citing that her then-counsel failed to point out the ineffective assistance of her other former counsel, and failed to challenge the jurisdiction to institute removal proceedings, among other things.

In May 2015, the BIA dismissed the appeal. She filed motions to reopen and for stay of removal, but BIA denied the motions in March 2016.



## ALL SMILES

At the reviewing stand, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and Imperial Pacific International Holdings majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie are all smiles for the camera during last Monday's 71st CNMI Liberation Day Parade.

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# Lawyer's request to impose sanctions on Hillbroom denied

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The federal court has denied attorney Barry J. Israel's request to impose sanctions on his former client, Junior Larry Hillbroom, for allegedly refusing to comply with a court's order by filing a redacted copy of the Republic of Palau court's release order for Hillbroom.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy in an order issued on Thursday said the redacted filing complied with her April 27, 2016, order to provide information regarding Hillbroom's release condition and that she will not impose sanctions.

Kennedy said the redacted

version of the release order section 3 provides that Hillbroom "shall not travel outside the Republic of Palau without approval of the court."

Kennedy said the provisions of the release order redacted by Hillbroom address the amount of bail, contact with alleged victims and witnesses, and the submission to drug testing.

The magistrate judge pointed out that while she agreed with Israel that this information is not privileged, private, or sensitive, she finds that the redacted provisions do not relate to Hillbroom's ability to travel outside of Palau.

According to court documents, during a status conference last April 27 in Hillbroom's lawsuit against his

former counsel Israel and David J. Lujan regarding Hillbroom's ability to continue to pursue this lawsuit and be deposed following his arrest in Palau on drug charges, the federal court ordered Hillbroom's counsel to provide information regarding his release conditions and trial date in Palau.

Hillbroom, through counsel, filed a status report last May 18 and a redacted version of his release order in Palau's criminal case.

Israel's counsel requested an unredacted copy of the release order, but Hillbroom refused to comply.

At the June 9, 2016 telephonic conference in federal court, the judge addressed concerns about the redacted

release order and the status of discovery and depositions.

Israel argued that Hillbroom was ordered by the court to provide the release order and the redactions did not contain privileged or private matters.

Hillbroom, through counsel, argued that the redacted information was irrelevant to this case and that his release conditions had been provided as the court ordered.

During that conference, Hillbroom acknowledged that the release order was a public document. Kennedy then ordered Hillbroom to file an unredacted copy of the release order. Israel then moved for sanctions.

The purpose of Kennedy's April 27 order was to determine Hillbroom's ability to participate in discovery and pursue his lawsuit to meet the scheduled trial date of Feb. 22, 2017.

The primary issue was whether Hillbroom was allowed to travel outside of Palau.

At the April proceeding, Kennedy ordered Hillbroom's counsel to submit a report that will provide information regarding Hillbroom's release conditions and trial date in the Palau case by May 18, 2016.

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau Trial Division has allowed the temporary release of Junior Larry Hillbroom upon posting a cash bail of \$275,000 and required him to provide a copy of any notice of deposition, hearing or other court-required appearance for his lawsuits in the CNMI and other jurisdictions.

Last April 20, Palau Trial Division Associate Justice Lourdes Materne granted Hillbroom's temporary release upon posting \$275,000 cash bail subject to conditions, including a sign of waiver of extradition and no travel outside Palau without court's approval.

Last June 7, Associate Justice Materne also granted Hillbroom's motion for modification of his conditions of release.

Materne required Hillbroom to submit to the court with his applications a copy of any notice of deposition, hearing or other court-required appearance for his lawsuits in the NMI, Hawaii, and California.

Hillbroom, one of the four DNA-proven children of the late business tycoon and DHL co-founder Larry Lee Hillblom, was recaptured in Palau hours after he allegedly escaped from police's custody last Feb. 19, just a few days after he was arrested over the seizure of \$160,000 worth of 160 grams of methamphetamine or "ice."

Hillbroom, 31, was recaptured after he allegedly dove into the water and tried to swim when police tracked a vehicle at a dock in a town called Meyuns Hamlet in Palau before, according to news reports.

Hillbroom pleaded not guilty.

Hillbroom was first served with an arrest warrant for trafficking controlled substance charge when he arrived in Palau from Manila last Feb. 17, according to a press release by

Palau's Ministry of Justice.

Combined efforts of the Bureau of Public Safety, the Division of Customs, and the Belau Drug Enforcement Task Force led to Hillbroom's arrest at the Palau International Airport.

The arrest of Hillbroom came after two women who arrived from Manila last Feb. 12 were allegedly found concealing 160 grams of "ice."

Further investigation indicated that Hillbroom was the alleged supplier of the seized "ice."

Hillbroom's mother, Kaelani Kinney, is a Palauan. Hillbroom is based in the U.S. mainland.

Hillbroom's name is spelled differently from DHL co-founder Larry Hillblom.


Hillbroom has filed a legal malpractice lawsuit against his former lawyers Lujan and Israel in federal court.

Lujan was the lead counsel in Hillbroom's successful legal battle in CNMI Superior Court to claim part of Hillblom's multi-million estate.

Hillbroom is suing Lujan and Israel for allegedly conspiring with former trustee to inflate the attorney's contingency fee when Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings in Superior Court.

Hillblom, founder of DHL Express, died in a plane crash off Anatahan waters in 1995. His body was never recovered.

Approximately \$100 million in assets were distributed to Hillbroom in the settlement of the probate case for Hillblom estate.



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BASE RATES				
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
1 Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.06
2 Base Rates Per kWh:				
KWH LEVELS				
1) 1 to 350	\$ 0.0210	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
2) 351 to 1,200	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3) 1,201 and over	\$ 0.1580	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3 Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate) Per kWh -- all usage	\$ (0.0230)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE or FAC (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)				
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
Current FAC (Effective 07/01/16)	\$ 0.14670	\$ 0.14670	\$ 0.14670	\$ 0.14670
Previous FAC (06/01/16 - 06/30/16)	\$ 0.13809	\$ 0.13809	\$ 0.13809	\$ 0.13809

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FIXTURE TYPE	WATTS	KWH/MONTH	FIXTURE CHARGE PER MONTH
1 Long Arm	250	101	\$ 11.67
2 Short Arm	175	71	\$ 8.33
3 LED	140	57	\$ 10.83

### ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES

1 Late Charge (monthly)	1% of Past Due
2 NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	\$ 40.00
3 Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments)	\$ 1.50
4 Unauthorized Connection	\$ 550.00
5 Reconnection at the Pole	\$ 200.00
6 Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)	\$ 210.00
7 Disconnection Notice	\$ 15.00
8 Meter Change Out	\$ 95.00
9 New Service - Single Phase	\$ 135.00
10 Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	\$ 90.00
11 Meter Test - Single Phase	\$ 75.00
12 Meter Test - Three Phase	\$ 110.00
13 Disconnection at the Meter	\$ 45.00
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# Attao welcomes more work on grant oversight

Rep. Blas Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan) says he is open on working on new legisla-

tion to address Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' Cabinet's concerns about a new law to es-

tablish a grant clearinghouse of sorts in the CNMI to manage and oversee grants

Attao was speaking to the concerns with the additional "red tape" these departments or line item agencies managing their own grants have with a new general grants office.

"The concerns are valid and therefore we have the law in place and we can work on fixing those discrepancies that might actually affect the agency," Attao told *Saipan Tribune*.

"If not, we'll go with it," he added. "The grants office has

been in existence and now we just gave them a little bit of teeth and we will work collaboratively with the Office of Grants Management and all the entities that are grant receivers.

"As soon as those concerns are put in writing, we will work on getting the legislation out there," he said. "We want to work collaborative with the grant agencies and the line-item agencies on what there

are concerns are, so we can fix the bill one time, fix the existing the bill properly in one legislation and go from there."

Public Law 19-49 officially creates a CNMI Office of Grants Management under the governor's office meant to "seize all federal grant funding opportunities" and "take advantage of all federal funds the CNMI is eligible for," and was signed by Torres last month. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

## Master blacksmith wants to capitalize on renewed interest in blacksmithing



JON PEREZ

Master blacksmith Francisco Cruz Lizama answers questions fielded by students when he visited Kagman High School last week as part of the project by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

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The Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam sparked a renewed interest among the youth on ancient customs and ways of Pacific Islanders: blacksmithing and traditional navigation and master blacksmith Francisco Cruz Lizama wants to capitalize on that.

Lizama, who was on Saipan last week visiting several schools, said he's glad that a number of young people expressed interest in learning about blacksmithing. "This is what our ancestors have been doing and I'm glad that it is peaking again."

"It is good for the youth to take interest. Like in Guam, before there were no traditional seafarers or navigators, now there's already an association and they are also building canoes. I make tools for them, tools that they use to build canoes," said Lizama.

He added that he is the only remaining master blacksmith in the Marianas—Guam and

the CNMI. "Before, a long time ago, there were also two blacksmiths here on Saipan but they're gone. There's nobody left here to continue it."

And that's one of the reasons why he came to Saipan, to see if there are some who would be interested to learn the trade. "That's why I devoted my time coming over here, to see if somebody would also take an interest. I'm very glad and more than willing to teach them."

"The interest is there but one must also love the art. If kids here wanted to learn, I'm more than willing to teach. In the olden times, this is how we make a living. The blacksmiths make the tools and we buy it," said Lizama, who's been a blacksmith for 27 years.

Lizama added that he has already taught 17 people, three of which are female and one only 14 years old. He only wanted one thing to the person who wanted to become one of his students one must really be interested and serious to learn the art.

"I'm a very serious person. I take teaching passionately. If you miss a few sessions, then you're gone. I can't waste my time on you since I want to put an effort in teaching those who wanted to learn," said the 74-year-old Lizama, who trained under master blacksmith Tun Jack Lujan.

But he needs to schedule his lessons since he could only teach a certain number of people. "It's a bit dangerous because I need to keep an eye on what you're doing. One slip or one mistake, especially if a piece of hot metal flies, and it can burn through your skin. I emphasize safety."

Lizama answered a number of questions from students when he visited Kagman High School last week.

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council, with the help of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council headed by Antonia Tudela, made possible Lizama's visit to Saipan. Alice Igitol is the SNIMC vice chair with Lar-eina Camacho as secretary.

## Probable cause found to charge cook tagged as big 'ice' supplier

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against Xiongying Xu, a restaurant cook who was arrested recently for allegedly selling a total of 17.6 gross grams of methamphetamine or "ice" during two buy-bust operations.

At a preliminary hearing, Camacho found probable cause to believe that the crimes of two counts of trafficking of controlled substance, and two counts of illegal possession

of controlled substance were committed.

Camacho ordered the 47-year-old Xu to answer the charges.

Arraignment will be on July 11 at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley, counsel for the government, called to the witness stand CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force Officer Rudolph C. Sablan Jr., who narrated to the court about their operations that led to Xu's arrest last June 25.

Chief public defender

Douglas Hartig served as counsel for the defendant.

Xu was remanded to the Department of Corrections after the hearing. He has been in detention for failing to post a \$200,000 cash bail.

Officer Sablan stated in his report that a "cooperating defendant" managed to purchase 7 gross grams and 10.6 gross grams of "ice" during buy-bust operations last June 25.

Sablan said it was the "cooperating defendant" who revealed Xu's drug activities. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



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## BASED ON NEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SURVEY

# Labor: Unemployment at 9.8 percent

Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero said last week a prevailing wage survey for the CNMI would be out shortly as well as a behavioral survey conducted through the local hospital revealing a 9.80percent unemployment rate in the Commonwealth.

DeLeon Guerrero was responding to various questions on labor and immigration in the CNMI.

"We are working on the next prevailing wage survey. The secretary of Commerce is

already putting out the plans for that. They just finished a behavioral survey for the hospital," she said.

Saipan Tribune learned the preliminary findings of the this CNMI Behavioral Health Survey was shared in the Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' position paper submitted to federal government counterparts as part of "Section 902" talks last month.

The 9.8-percent unemployment comes from a total labor force of 24,109.

The Labor secretary said part of the prevailing wage

survey—to be issued by the Department of Commerce—would embrace a workforce assessment survey as well.

The behavioral survey

found an unemployment rate of 9.8 percent, she said.

"So look at all the statistical analyses—and this latest one came out at an lower un-

employment rate—which is a good thing," she said, referring to the 2010 Census reported unemployment rate of 11.2 percent and the recent broadband survey's 11.9 percent.

She said on her insistence, a workforce assessment component was inserted into the behavioral survey to capture workforce information.

## CUC announces rise in Fuel Adjustment Charge

Following a rise in the average fuel prices, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will increase the Fuel Adjustment Charge pass-through rate, previously known as the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause (LEAC).

The current FAC fuel charge of \$0.13809 per kWh will increase to \$0.14670 per kWh effective July 1, 2016. As a result, residential customers who use 500 kWh of power per month will pay approximately \$4.30 more in their monthly billing.

CUC first instituted LEAC in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the Virgin Islands. In May 2015, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the rate.

The FAC is used to purchase fuel and serves as one of the two components that

make up a CUC power bill. The second rate component is the electric base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt servicing.

CPUC granted CUC the ability to adjust the FAC rate based on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5 percent of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the FAC rate.

CPUC conducts periodic reviews of CUC's fuel charges to ensure that consumers pay no more or less than the actual cost of fuel. Although there is a slight increase in the July 2016 FAC, CNMI consumers have experienced an almost 60 percent decline in the FAC since 2014.

CUC is a non-profit autonomous agency of the CNMI government that provides electric power, water, and wastewater services to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. (PR)

## MTEC, MVA thank MY WAVE Club advisors



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Marianas Tourism Education chair Vicky Benavente, fifth from left in first row standing, led MTEC and the Marianas Visitors Authority in hosting an appreciation dinner for school MY WAVE Club advisors on June 30, 2016, at Kanoa Resort.

The Marianas Tourism Education Council (and Marianas Visitors Authority held an appreciation dinner last June 30 to thank advisors of school MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Clubs.

The dinner, held at Kanoa Resort, was the third such occasion hosted by MTEC at the end of the school year.

"Tourism Is Everybody's Business," said MTEC chairwoman Vicky Benavente.

"When we teach our kids about the importance of tour-

ism, we help them understand their role and how they can contribute to the success of our islands. Throughout the year, the MY WAVE Club advisors strive to motivate the students with activities such as field trips, beach cleanups, and volunteering for the MVA events. We also appreciate the businesses who contributed to the MY WAVE Club advisors gathering, making it a fun and enjoyable evening for all."

A number of businesses contributed raffle prizes for the event, including: Aqua Re-

sort Club, T Galleria by DFS, Grandvrio Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, I Love Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, MARPAC, Megabyte, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Saipan Computer Services.

The MTEC Board of Directors is comprised of tourism and education representatives, including MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion and Community Projects manager Martin Duenas; Naomi Nishimura and Jonas

Barcinas from the CNMI Public School System; James Nelson of Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting; Gordon Marciano of PDI; Shamika Ratwatte of Ernst & Young; Larry Lee; and newly elected director Wendi Herring of Kanoa Resort.

Schools interested in starting a MY WAVE Club to promote tourism education and involvement may contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or 664-3210 for more information on support. (PR)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 6, 2000

### CPA criticized for increasing airport fees

A top official of Japan Airlines yesterday warned the CNMI government against imposing additional fees at Saipan International Airport to prevent aircraft carriers from transferring to neighboring island Guam. Yukiharu Enomoto, district manager of JAL, said the CNMI should consider implementing incentives to lure more airlines into the Northern Marianas just like Honolulu and Guam airports which both earlier waived landing fees for a certain period. Speaking before the Saipan Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting, the JAL executive criticized the recent 65 percent increase in aircraft landing fee and 38 percent hike in passenger facility charge carried out by the Commonwealth Ports Authority in March 2000 at this time when airlines are having difficulty to survive due to the slowdown in the island's tourism economy. CPA adjusted its airport and landing fees on March 1, 2000 based on the recommendation of a 1998 study to allow the ports authority obtain a bond rating for its airport bonds and meet its debt service.

### CNMI lost 572 Continental flights in eight months

Apparently justifying concerns raised by the Commonwealth Ports Authority before the United States Department of Transportation, Continental Micronesia has downsized its air trans-

port services to the Northern Marianas by 572 flights in the first eight months of Fiscal Year 2000. The Houston-based carrier's decision to drop all nonstop flights to the Northern Marianas resulted to a dramatic 19 percent decline in international aircraft traffic between Saipan and major cities in several Asian countries. Government statistics disclosed Continental Micronesia reduced its services to Saipan by 64 percent between 1997 and 1999, bringing only 74,000 passengers into the CNMI last year.

July 6, 2004

### First responders who take course on WMD

Several emergency responders are currently taking part in a three-day course aimed at teaching them how to handle terrorist threats. According to instructor Carlos Perez of the Texas A & M University, the purpose of the workshop is to provide a good understanding of what knowledge is needed by the local first responders "in order to deal with today's threat from terrorists." Perez, who was accompanied by fellow university instructors Tony Garcia and Joe Weston, said that among the course's topics are chemical and biological agents that may be used as weapons, explosives, radiation, nuclear weapons, decontamination, and interaction between the community and the hospital, among others.

### Feds award CPA \$14.3M for airport projects

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has received \$14.3 million in federal grants for its airport improvement projects in fiscal year 2004. CPA, which relies on its own income-generating programs for funding, has lined up at least three major projects for the Saipan and Tinian airports, for which the new Federal Aviation Administration grants will be used. CPA executive director Carlos H. Salas said the new FY2004 grants will pay for the immediate replacement of the 30-year-old roof at the

Saipan International Airport terminal building. "This project will replace the fast deteriorating shingles with better material that will last longer, is tolerant of weather and architecturally pleasing as well," Salas said.

July 6, 2005

### House ready to override veto

The political opposition in the Legislature believes that the fuel surcharge is largely the result of "improper management" of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.—an issue that can be traced to the Babauta administration's "failure" to effectively run the government. House leadership spokesman Charles Reyes Jr. also said that, in case the governor vetoes the bill to repeal the fuel surcharge, the Legislature is inclined to override it. In explaining the need for the fuel surcharge, the administration is trying "to shift the blame to external circumstances beyond our control, such as the price of oil in the world market," Reyes said.

### New federal tax law redefines tax residency

The Commonwealth may lose some revenues as a result of the implementation of a new federal tax law that grants the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, rather than the local government, the authority to determine a jurisdiction's tax residents, according to a Saipan-based tax attorney. Commenting on the impact of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 to U.S. possessions, including the CNMI and Guam, attorney Alexis Fallon said the new law would diminish the local governments' ability to determine which residents should file their income tax return with the local government and which should pay taxes to the federal government. This, Fallon wrote in the journal Tax Notes International, could have adverse effects on the local governments' treasuries.



# International Festival of Cultures begins Aug. 20

The 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held for six consecutive Satur-

day evenings on Saipan beginning on Aug. 20, 2016.

The festival will be held

## iPOP Talent Search comes to CNMI

The iPOP Talent Search is coming to the CNMI. The competition will take the overall winner to International Presentation of Performers in Los Angeles, California in 2017.

The launch of this amazing event will be held on July 16, 2016 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Café Terrace in a Talent Preliminary of all contestants from 9am to 5pm. Potential contestants are asked to bring their music and props as needed during registration.

The competition finals will be held on Aug. 13, 2016 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center in Susupe. It will be an exciting showcase

of CNMI talent as prepped onstage by John Robert Powers from 2pm to 5pm. The public is invited to attend by purchasing an entry ticket at the door at \$10 per adult/\$5 per child.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Soroptimist International Northern Mariana Islands, which is a non-profit organization that helps to improve the lives of women and girls in the CNMI and all over the world.

For more information, contact John Robert Powers at (671) 472-8494 or Jessica Castro, iPOP CNMI Event Coordinator at (671) 688-7361. (PR)

Aug. 20 & 27 and September 3, 10, 17, & 24 at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the Northern Mariana Islands, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is seeking representative groups of different cul-

tures to participate in planning for the event. Representative groups may contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@my-marianas.com or 664-3210 for more information.

"We are once again inviting all cultural groups represented in the Northern Marianas, whether big or small, to be a

part of this year's International Festival of Cultures, one of the newest and most exciting cultural celebrations of the year," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We know there is a lot of residual enthusiasm from the Festival of Pacific Arts held this summer, and we expect some of that en-

thusiasm is going to spill over and make this year's International Festival of Cultures even richer than the first time. Please call us to participate."

The festival will include cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, and food sales beginning at 5pm and live cultural entertainment from 6-10pm. Admission is free. (PR)



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The Chamorro community performs at the inaugural International Festival of Cultures on Saipan in September 2014. All cultural groups represented in the Northern Mariana Islands are invited to contact the Marianas Visitors Authority to participate in the 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures beginning Aug. 20, 2016.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 1st birthday Melenie

Rae Lieto Selepeo. God bless and we love you from Mommy, Daddy, and the family.



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Happy 2nd birthday KianaZa-

yde San Nicolas. God bless and enjoy your special day. We love you from Mommy, Daddy, and the rest of the family.



### Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950



## ATTENTION ALL POKER ROOM AND BAR MANAGEMENT

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC), Division of Public Health (DPH) NCD Bureau's REACH program extends an invitation to your establishment's management or assigned designee for an educational training on PL 16-46 or the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008. The training will be held on **July 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Kanoa Resort's Latte Stone Room** and lunch will be provided.

Please kindly confirm your attendance by July 12 by emailing Jessica Lorfin at [jloring@hawaii.edu](mailto:jloring@hawaii.edu) or by calling the Division of Public Health at **(670) 236-8727**. Seating is limited.

We look forward to working with your business establishment and providing information on how to be compliant with the law. Through mutual understanding to this important topic, we can ensure the health and well-being of your employees and patrons.

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### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW/SWMD16-RFP-001

### PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES TO RECEIVE, PROCESS & MARKET SOURCE SEPARATED RECYCLABLES & THE OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF THE RECYCLING FACILITY AT THE LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies or individuals to provide services to receive, process and market source-separated recyclables and the operation and maintenance of the recycling facility located at the Lower Base Transfer Station (LBTS), Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **70-30.3-210** (competitive sealed proposals) of the Procurement Regulations.

The Scope of Services will be available on or after **June 22, 2016** at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950. A non-refundable payment of One-Hundred-Dollars (US\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the Solid Waste Management Division office.

A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division office, Lower Base Transfer Station on **July 13, 2016**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz, Director of Solid Waste Management Division, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan, MP 96950 or fax to (670) 322-2762 no later than 4:00 p.m. local time **July 18, 2016**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "DPW/SWMD16-RFP-001." For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposal must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 (formerly Emergency Management Office behind CHRB Postal Office), no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **August 01, 2016**.

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, **August 01, 2016**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 01, 2016** and must be received no later than **August 10, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of proposal.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section **70-30.3-245** and must be able to obtain a CNMI Business License prior to contract award.

Procurement of these services is made in accordance with NMIAC Section **70-30.3-210** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Proposals for the project will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification and Experience of the Firm: 20%
2. Experience or equivalent on Similar Projects: 20%
3. Technical Approach: 35%
4. Cost: 25%

Technical merit is more important than price and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase.

Award shall be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and the evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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## EDITORIAL

### Once Saudi Venezuela, now a 'pink tide' casualty

**V**enezuela Saudita." Saudi Venezuela. That was the country's nickname in the 1970s, halcyon years when the oil boom filled the streets of Caracas with Cadillacs and

Buicks. Free-spending Venezuelans routinely jetted off on shopping sprees to Miami, where in malls they were known for their catch phrase, "Dame dos!" ("Give me two of those!")

Today, Caracas is starving, violent and desperate. Venezuelans scrounge through trash heaps for scraps. At stores, lines for food wind around city blocks. With crime rampant and police overwhelmed, vigilante justice has become commonplace. In May, a mob mistook a 42-year-old man for a thief because he had \$5 in his pocket. They poured gasoline over his head and burned him alive.

Venezuela, once South America's wealthiest nation, is on the precipice — arguably a failed state in the throes of economic collapse. It boasts having the world's largest oil reserves. And yet, inflation has reached 700 percent. Three-fourths of the country lives in poverty. Foreign debt stands at \$130 billion. In much of the country, electricity and water are rationed.

Failed states exist in varying degrees of dysfunction all over the Third World. The implosion of Venezuela, however, has shocked us in part because of what the country used to be — a South American success story. It had its share of warts, of course, but up until the 1980s, Venezuela had a reputation as a stable democracy buoyed by a robust, growing economy.

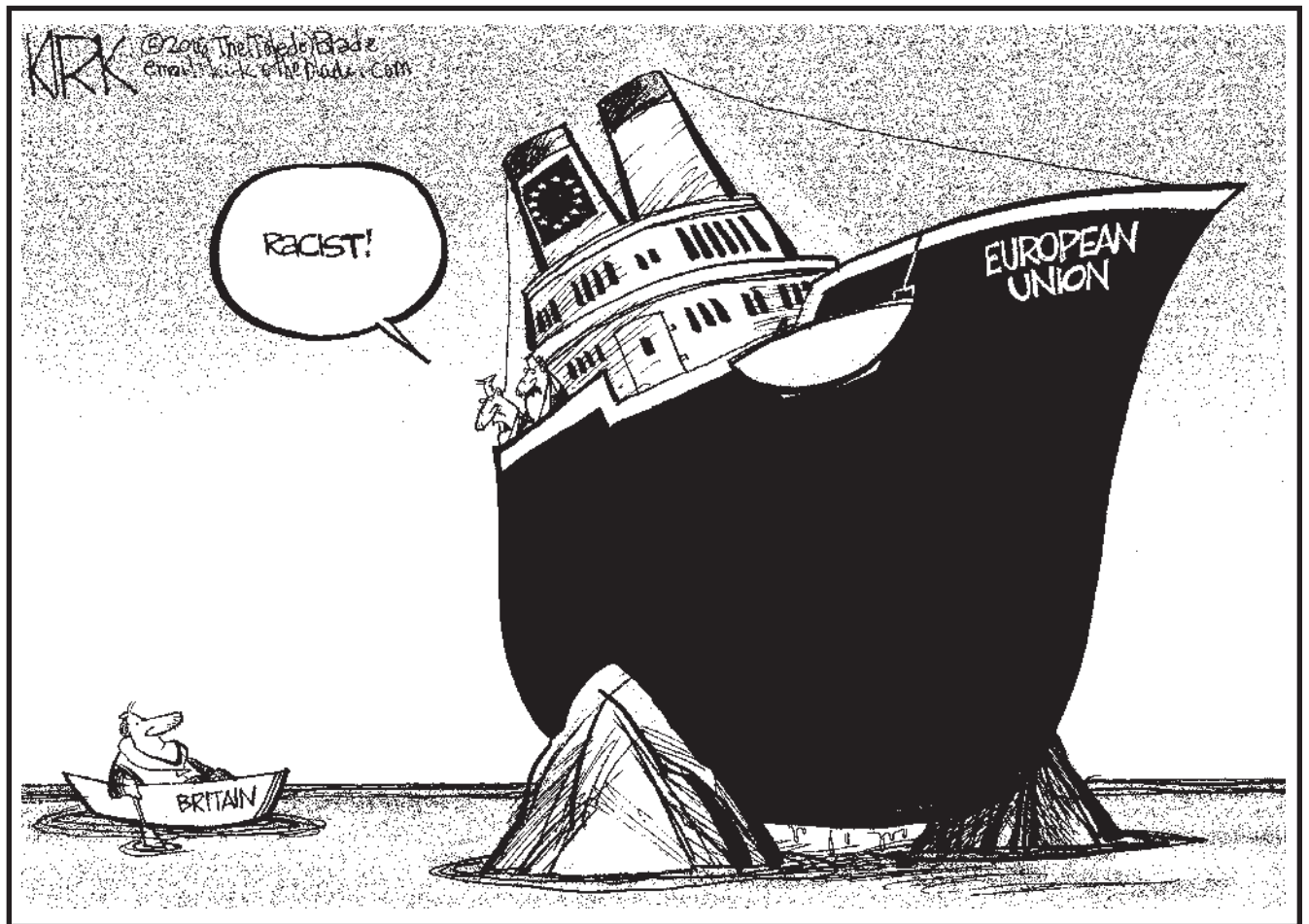
The socialism and bombast of Hugo Chavez, president from 1999 until his death in 2013, changed all that. Chavez nationalized major industries and shipped subsidized oil to allied leftist Latin American regimes, policies that rattled the economy. By the time he died, inflation was soaring, violent crime was rampant and shortages of basic goods set in. Chavez's protege and replacement, Nicolas Maduro, accelerated the country on a Chavista course toward despair.

We have no sympathy for Maduro, who not only put his people into the cesspool they must slog through, but makes decisions daily that keep them there. But we do ardently believe Venezuelans deserve a much better life than this. They're an educated, proud people. Their country can once again become a democratic and economic force in a region that, in many instances, has been under the thumb of leftist authoritarians for too long.

We've previously written of the waning of the so-called pink tide of leftist regimes in Latin America — and a swing toward the right. In Venezuela, that about-face could take place if the opposition, which controls the parliament, is able to push forward a referendum to recall Maduro. That would set the stage for early elections. But Maduro is fighting for his political life, and he's putting up every roadblock he can find to keep that referendum from happening this year. If Maduro can stall a vote until after mid-January, under Venezuelan law, his successor would be his like-minded vice president.

Washington watched from afar as Latin America's leftist regimes began to founder. It's a trend the U.S. certainly welcomes, but it would be a mistake to continue to play the role of idle bystander. We have warned about the perils of not engaging Latin America. The Obama administration should

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## Sandy Beach Homes

**I** was #55 when I put my name on the list a year ago. The Sandy Beach Homes is a Triple J apartment complex in San Isidro, CK next to the company owner's house by the beach. The homes are noted for the solar panels on its roof.

Triple J motors expanded from the motor vehicle franchise they had (I bought a Mazda pickup at the turn of the century); the current CEO is Dad to one of my former students at SVES, academically doing well in Nevada where he and his siblings currently go to school.

But history of credit and personal familiarity with key people was not sufficient to qualify for a unit at the homes. Until my yearlong teaching contract was signed, the Home's front office had to have me execute an affidavit on my income capability as well as get a certified copy of my history with FHB. The much touted advertisement of the units being for "low-income" dwellers meant that the price of rental was commensurate to one's low income and not charged the actual market value of the units.

FHB took a few weeks to produce a required document, and the contract I had with Human Resource at PSS was on a daily on-call basis, in spite of my substituting for a class everyday since late March. Being #55 was fine but came first of May, a unit opened up needing two weeks of repairs, projected to be available middle of the month. The dance of qualifying papers began.

PSS HR certified that I was employed at one of the elementary schools until June 6 on a daily on-call basis. That sent shivers down Sandy Beach Homes' spine, the front office preferring the wording of my one-year substitute teacher contract. The PSS certification made me short on the "low-income" category. My scheduled move on Memorial Day was deferred.

I already informed my then current residence that I was moving out end of May but they were kind enough to extend my stay another two weeks, to allow for the transition time. I hastily booked a trip to China that I wrote about. For those who do not follow this column regularly, Narita would not allow me on the ANA plane without a current China visa. My residency visa expired in May; Chinese tourists coming to Saipan get their visas at the airport, so I just assumed the practice was reciprocal. It wasn't. Cape Air as a UA associate issued me boarding passes all the way to Shenyang where I was headed so I paid no heed to the visa issue.

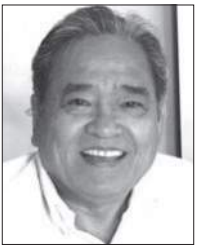
I headed back to Saipan and spent a quiet evening at a private beach front in San Isidro near Sandy Beach Home. The event that transpired that night I've already written about; quick hands took my bag and divested me of all the cash and electronics it contained, threw the rest of it in someone's trash bin near WSR Elementary School so I could be called to retrieve my passport and cards.

This double whammy had the Sandy Beach Home front office

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sympathetic but it would not ripen the mango. I still needed a yearlong income paper and FHB Honolulu had difficulty faxing my account history, both required to qualify on the low-income category. I could not afford the commercial rate.

A word about the low-income category. This is low-income by mainland standards, not the island's. Tasi Tours built themselves an apartment complex by Sugar Dock north of Sandy Beach Homes and they are absorbing waitlisted clientele, mostly non-locals. That's how my number moved up.

The locals I talked to bewailed the "low-income" definition as many reportedly applied to stay, only to be denied because the qualification was by mainland rates and many could not qualify. Emphasis on the "low income" was on the "income" not the "low." That included *moi* who was barely existing to survive on island means.

As a teacher at PSS, I was certified to teach middle and high school Social Studies at highly qualified rating, but no one was hiring. I previously taught 6th grade in the elementary level, and sub-taught 2nd and 5th grade classes at a private school, then, taking on Grade 1 that taxed endurance more than patience. I had no problem with the second but at my age, endurance waned easy.

The allure of the beachfront stayed strong, and though reasonably priced dwellings were available elsewhere, I noticed that the cost of Saipan's residences were increasing. One rental on Beach Road advertised a room (a bed and a dresser) to cost \$250 per week, changed it to \$290 May, and in late June, painted over the sign as the cost rose with the demand.

Tinian Dynasty went belly-up while Alter City went through an earth-breaking rite on Tinian. Best Sunshine has engaged in community development efforts and gained the local population's trust by letting them forget its business is primarily gambling.

My CK Saipan friend and I in June sipped iced tea together as the Philippine Sea sunset blazed the western horizon. Sandy Beach Homes was a hustle but it was worth it! Am definitely low income.



# Libettat Iya Marianas

**P**a`gu na semana selebrasion Independence Day `nai gobietno-ta nasionat, Estados Unidos De America, ma-establese kumu nasion dispues de matuge` konstitusion gi 1787.

Mientras tantu, kase 71 año desde ke ta celebra este na oka-sion. Guaha `nai in` hassu haf` signifikasion este na ha`ane?

Bai pega i asunto gi eskaleran `nai mangaige hit kumu man-libre gi papa` banderan Estados Unidos De Amerika. Kuestion: haf` kinemprenden miyu pot “libre?”

Faktu na guaha direchota gumubietnan maisa hit ni gaige gi pahinan kontratan Covenant yan Estados Unidos De America. Lau man-libre hit ginen manadan dibin gobietnu? Man-libre hit gi tinatien lai desde konstitusion papa` esta i otro siha areglun lai? Kau man-aktibu hit chumoneg gobietnamentun lai?

Listuyu` umoppe i kuestion siha. Lau makat para bai deklara “huñgan” gi kada unu. Lamegai eksisision disposision asuntun linahyan man-maluñu` gi hilu` chatdisposision. Mauleg lokue` ta komprende na ma-areglan sisteman gobietnun demokrasiya dispasiu na sahyan `nai mau`udai.

Bes enkuando siempre tapan mattu gi puntan hosgsu` `nai en-fin kabales ta komple to`a yan amtau na disposision gobietnam-entu siha. Hita solu siña umaregla asunto-ta sin ditension. Estake ta gacha` este na eskalera `nai siña ta deklara na man-libre hit!

## Diskonsuelu

Guaha besis `nai hana` galileg-`yu asunto-ta gi halom siso-nyan diskonsuelu. Huna`e animu tumachu tatte para bai rikono-se haf` masusede.

Namanman maletken asuntun linahyan siha kulan diariu na bisiu. Hu konsidera malag manu i manadan “biba” yan of-fresimientu para uma-adelanta linala` familia siha.

I ineppe ginen representante siha inipos ñañgon. Kase poduñg kabesan niha entalu` i señgsoñg yan kanifes mañglu` hegsu` imperadot I Deni`.

Sige hu ebalua manu `nai gaige sessu i seriusu na chinatsagan sathasion ginen Trenta`i Unu na sindalun publiku. Asuntu? Komplikau? Manaitai? Edukasion? Diskuidu? Abilidad ma-ñgomprende? Manu guine i dichu problema?

Ni unu uma`atan haf` tinatet-ta para umakomprende i masu-esede pa`gu. Pinalo`pu` este ni taya` planu para uma-esgaihon hinanau-ta mona. Gatdun gi tanu` diskalentau `nai sige man-afaisen kau guaha gayera lamuna sino fina` maneska.

Mientras tantus, sige ha` mas ma-umenta problemata gi halom

# Pro EU voices must be decisive and passionate

**B**ERLIN—Shortly before the Brexit vote, Germany’s Der Spiegel magazine ran a cover story that urged the Brits: “Please don’t go.” For Germans, long the most loyal supporters of the European Union, it was unthinkable that the British would leave them.

After the Brexit shock, Der Spiegel has a new plea: “If we don’t become more passionate about the European Union, we will lose it,” writes columnist Stefan Kuzmany.

There is widespread agreement that the future of a united Europe will be decided more by emotions than facts.

In Britain, the Brexiteers made a passionate case that Brits had to wrest back their sovereignty from a faceless Brussels bureaucracy. This, they said, was the only way to stop immigration — an issue that arouses passionate emotions.

The pro-Europe campaigners put forward dry, if valid, facts: Brexit would have a heavy economic cost and couldn’t stop immigration. But, having watched the last big debate, I can confirm that the “Remain” case was boring.

The “Leave” campaign, on the other hand, played brilliantly on emotions, hailing British sovereignty and decrying Arab refugees, even though Britain admitted almost none. “If you have decisive campaigners vs. a hesitant force, the hesitant side will lose,” notes Olaf Wientzek, head of European policy for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. “Having facts on your side is not enough.”

Of course, designing a passionate case for Brussels is tricky since there appears to be no one single reason for the steady rise in Euro-skepticism across the continent. Clearly the euro crisis and economic malaise play a role.

The Germans have long been the strongest supporters of the post-war European project. It’s easy to understand why when you travel around Berlin, with its dramatic Holocaust memorial,

chubaskun rimulinun diskuidu. Ni unu gai ineppe disiente. Todu man-udu, tañga yan bachel. Taya` kampu fuera ke bai` kahlañ-gyu` gi lipes esperansa!

## Nesessidat Amku`

Hu taitai un` attikulu pot `nos kuantos miyon na man-amku` Japones ni numesessita ayudu pot man-tatfena idat niha. Kus-tumbren Japones i attension gi man-amku`. Lau makat na obli-gasion `nai finagcha`e debi u facho`chu` i pipulan.

Makat na obligasion piot `nai dos chume`lu uma`atahgue mamulan ya debi u fan machochu` gi mismu tiempu. Finañagu problema tat kumu man-mapunu` mañainan niha pot machoneg ginen dos bibienda sino man-mayute namaisa gi chagu hogsu` yan kantun sadog estake man-matai. Mientras tantus, mas megai numerun man-amku` ni numesessita ayudun familia.

Trabiha guine metgot kutturan familia gi ma-attenden dos saina gi inamku` niha. Lau hombre este huli`e na esta guaha ayudu ginen hiyuñg ni man-ma`apase kulan infetmera para siha u unatiende ne-sessidat un` amku`. Kau u fattu guihe na eskalera `nai gima` man-amku` `nai para ta pega mañaina-ta kase i tiempu u dinetetmina.

Bai` komprende yangin unu ha` patgonhu ni debi u facho-chu` pot mantension familiaña. Diariu bai` preparayu` deste neñgkano`hu, fanmaigo`hu, deskansu, numeron EMT para `an hu nesessita makone` para i hospitat yan gasgas halom yan hi-yuñg gima`hu. Ti megai nesessidathu.

**Direchun Natibu:** Matutuhon inadiñgan estau politika giya Guahan. Umatotpe este yan atoridat Congresson Estados Unidos De America dumispone komplidu futtunan i tanu`.

Mabasiha i asunto entalu` direchun natibu dumidise futtunaña yan obligasion federat gi madefenden nasion yan iya Pasifiku.

Atoridat disposision gaige gi Congresson iya America gi todus asunto pot Guahan. Taigue ennau na atoridat Congresso giya Marianas sa` i relasioña dinisopone ni kontratan papa` i Cov-enant. Estague` i diffirensia gi bandan atoridat.

I umestototba-yu` i siña mahatsa maseha haf` na fasilidat mili-tat sin konsentimienton natibu. Kontodu mahatsan fasilidat in-dustrian turista sige ha` hulu` sin patttisipasion i natibu. Guaha komplimientu gi dos fasilidat maluñu` gi tautau tanu`.

Este na sinisese siha fuetsau pumañgun i natibu haf` pattisi-pasioña gi kinalamten ni siempre u fan inaffekta. Mauleg ma-insiste patttisipasion natibu propiu pot futtunaña.

**Troñku:** Mafana`an “park”, lugat ni maseñala para sagan des-kansu ni man-mahatsa gi `nos kuantu lugat. `Nai hu bisita unu na park giya Japon bonitu na lugat ni matanume manadan gulusina

restored Reichstag, and remnants of the Berlin Wall.

By embedding Germany safely within Europe, the EU minimized the fears of other European states that a strong Germany would be a threat. Yet even in Germany, only 50 percent hold a favorable view of the EU, according to a recent Pew Research Center poll.

Meantime, French National Front leader Marine Le Pen rails about the need for France to reclaim its “freedom” from EU regulations, as she calls for a Frexit referendum. Only 38 percent of the French hold a favorable view of the EU, according to the Pew poll.

However, I agree with Wientzek, who says the main driver behind Euroskepticism is neither economic arguments nor the Brussels bureaucracy. “In most countries,” he says, “the buzz-word is immigration or terrorism and less the EU as a monster.”

Certainly, if you read Le Pen’s words carefully, the subtext is all about immigration. She knows her most potent appeal is to those who fear — with reason — that the flow from North Africa will continue. She also knows that if France ever voted for a Frexit, the EU would die.

Immigration is the issue that arouses the most heated emotions, the one that those who want to save the European project must respond to.

Having flubbed the 2015 immigration crisis, the EU now must make a firm case that it can and will secure Europe’s borders. In other words, that it will respond to the public’s legitimate fears.

That will involve cementing a deal with Turkey that has already sharply decreased the flow of migrants and refugees reaching Greece. It will involve strengthening coast guard patrols that are now returning migrants who have set out from North Africa to cross the Mediterranean. And it must involve increased coop-eration to fight jihadi terrorism.

tions wither.

Washington also needs to find a way to get humanitarian aid to starving Venezuelans. So far, Maduro has shut out that aid, claiming the relief is a guise for foreign intervention. He’s deluding himself, but more important, he’s keeping his

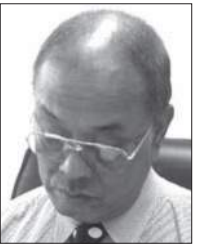
country mired in misery and hunger.

It’s time for Maduro to let Venezuelans choose their course, and time for the U.S. and its Latin American allies to make that choice possible.

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yan mahyau na troñku siha.

Gatbu magahet I flores sakura`, flores nasionat Japon, ni gaige katkuet direksion gi halom park. Megai familia man-malitratu gi fihon este na flores. Dispues man-akone` man-amotsan taloa`ne gi fina` resturan.

I gumu`ot attension-hu i manadan mahyau na troñku ni mana fan fila gi enteru lugat. Bes enkuando umasudayu` yan un` em-pleau i park. Hu faisen haf` na manadan troñku man-matanum.

Ha esplika na i kulot betde sumen mauleg munakatma siñiente gi maseha haye na tautau. Nina` katma siñientemu gi duranten dumeskansa-mu gi fina` bañku. Magahet na felis siñienteghu gi ayu na finattog-hu gi park. Mauleg lokue` maigo`hu guihe na pueñge. Dinanche na lugat deskansu piot ya un` kokone` i tropa.

I otro lugat `nai husosoda` sumen na` pasifiku i kantun tasi piot gi lemlem tautau. Haf` mas gatbu ke minachom atdau gi sanlagu ni man-ina difirientes kulot. Inakompañia este ni pañgpañg napun dikiki` gi kantun unai. Dispues gaige i suabe na guinaifen mañglu ni sige ha gaput i hagin gagu siha. Paire kumu lugat deskansu.

## A`ketu A`Iku

Ai na mañge` chaleg tuyan si Magoo gi mapos na Dameño. Esta tutuhu` lago`ña mientras ha bibira i tininu siha gi hilu` guafe.

“A`basta a`tuge` este sa` ti a`komprende este guatu”. Era, hasañgañgane-yu` para bai dis-attende mañge` sa` taya` manan-aitai. Muchomas, dudague` kau makomprende haf` hu sasañgan. Hana` fan hassun ñaihon-yu`.

Entre guaha probleman niha man-manaitai mina` ti ma-komprende i asunto sino mahasñgun ma-upus pot no u fan gai che`chu`. Ke lau na ti manmanhula` para u fan man-ayuda?

Hu tampa `nos kuantos representante yan senadot. Kulan man-madulog deris ya nina` fan imbeninau. Hu pesa ta`lu un` biahe. Parehu na mañan taguan.

Anog na hasan man-manaitai pettinente siha na atikulu pot para umakomprende asunto ni mafafana`. Dispensayu`. I asunto fumafana` siha pa`gu! Dios mihu!

## By TRUDY RUBIN

The Philadelphia Inquirer



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“We need to show we can act as the European Union to deal with threats in our neighborhood,” Wientzek said. That would also involve pushing back against Russian efforts to meddle further in Europe.

None of this is easy, and it comes late in the day. But EU backers must argue decisively that Europe’s security requires unified action — and prove they are up to the task.

In making a strong case for Europe, however, Germany has a special role to play — one that goes beyond Chancellor Angela Merkel’s lead in Brussels.

Europeans either have forgotten or never knew the reason the EU was created — to cement a peaceful Europe after horrible wars.

Columnist Kuzmany mourns that Germans have become so accustomed to postwar stability that they can’t imagine any other outcome. “By forgetting the war, we have in no way exorcised the possibility of it happening again,” he said. History may not repeat exactly but that is no guarantee that Europe will remain stable.

I don’t know how this message can be communicated passionately to generations for whom World War II has no meaning, and who can’t imagine the dangers posed by a return to ubernationalism. If there were ever an argument that deserved to be made passionately, this is it.

## ONCE

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rally other Latin American states to put pres-sure on Maduro to allow the recall referendum

on the ballot this year. The Organization of American States, a confederation of 35 West-ern Hemisphere nations, has some leverage against Maduro; it could suspend Venezuela, further isolating a regime that already has seen its bonds with other Latin American na-



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲90° ▼80°

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

▲89° ▼80°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲89° ▼80°

SATURDAY

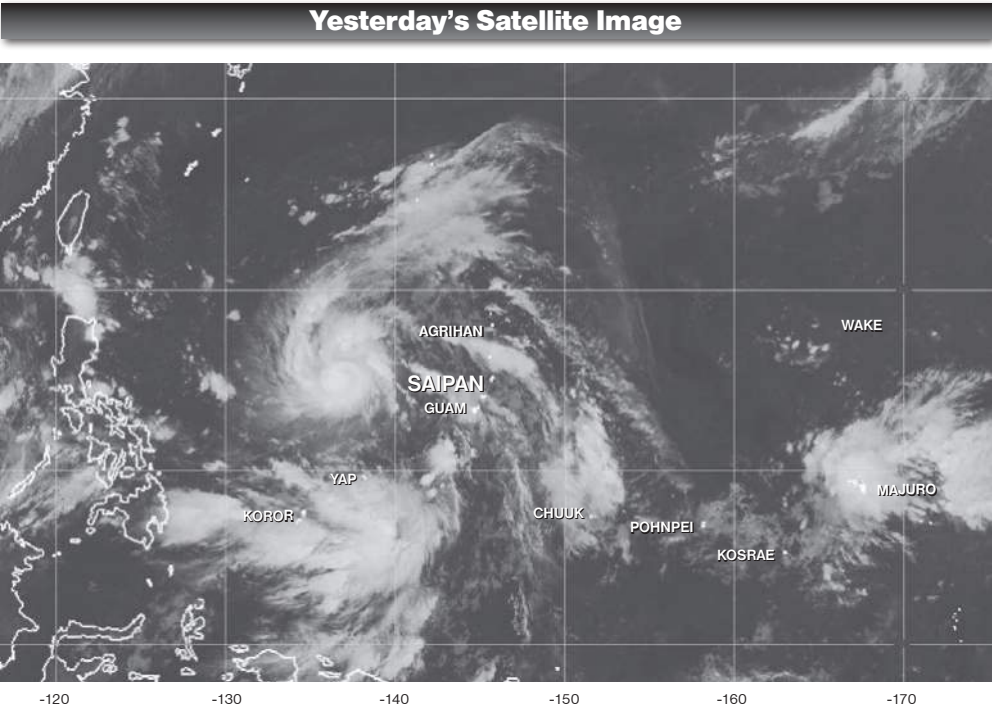
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲89° ▼80°



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Nepartak (02W) is centered 450 miles north of Yap near 16N136E moving west-northwest at 20 mph with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 200 miles to the north and 120 miles to the south of the center. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found northeast and east of Nepartak from 14N to 24n between 137E and 144E, or just east of the Northern Mariana Islands. For more information on typhoon Nepartak, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO Header WTPN31 PGTW and bulletins issued by the National Weather Service under WMO Header WTPQ31 PGUM. Converging monsoonal southwesterly winds are generating scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms across Palau and Yap, eastward from 130E to 141E between 3N and 10N. A weak surface trough between Chuuk and Guam is helping to trigger scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Chuuk from 148E to 154E between 7N and 13N. A weakly defined tropical disturbance south of Kwajalein near 5N168E is producing scattered showers from 162E to 168E between 4N and 7N.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▼83	▲92
Palau	Rain	▼80	▲84
Yap	Rain	▼80	▲88
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▼80	▲88
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▼78	▲86
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▼82	▲87
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▼81	▲87

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▼46	▲58
Beijing	Sunny	▼65	▲94
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▼83	▲89
Honolulu	Cloudy	▼74	▲83
London	Clear	▼53	▲69
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▼62	▲75
Manila	Thunderstorms	▼80	▲89
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▼49	▲53
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▼82	▲90
New York	Mostly Sunny	▼75	▲92
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▼74	▲90
Paris	Clear	▼52	▲71
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▼77	▲84
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▼66	▲91
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▼54	▲75
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▼54	▲65
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▼71	▲78
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▼68	▲80
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▼73	▲89

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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:02 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.08 Feet
7:55 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.98 Feet
3:16 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.47 Feet
10:11 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.99 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Thursday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	7:19 AM	8:21 PM
Thursday	8:15 AM	9:08 PM
Friday	9:08 AM	9:52 PM
Saturday	9:59 AM	10:33 PM
Sunday	10:48 AM	11:13 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 6, 2016											
DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN					
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily			UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily		
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota		
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily		
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily			DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily		
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily		
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily			OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily			7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7			MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM		
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM			PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7		
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4			UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM		
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM			PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM		
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM			UA184/2925	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR			UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM		
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM								
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM								
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR								
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN					
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN			HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4		
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM			UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7								



# Submarine USS *Topeka* returns from national tasking

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS *Topeka* (SSN 754) returned to its homeport of Polaris Point, Guam, on July 1 following a two-month forward operating period to the Western Pacific. This is the submarine's first Guam homecoming following national tasking since its homeport shift in May 2015.

*Topeka*, under the command of Cmdr. David Lammers, is returning from the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility where the crew executed the Chief of Naval Operations' Maritime Strategy in supporting national security interests and maritime

security operations.

"I am incredibly proud of my crew," said Lammers. "In the months leading up to our forward operating period, they trained hard and worked to ensure we were more than prepared for our national tasking. This is our first return to Guam following prolonged operations, and the crew is ready to relax and spend well-earned time with family and friends."

*Topeka* conducted routine patrols throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and operated in conjunction with other Navy ships to conduct maritime security operations that promote stability and peace while developing key partnerships with allies

across the region.

*Topeka* celebrated the various achievements of its crewmembers in their professional development.

"*Topeka* has such a remarkable crew, and they did an amazing job," said Master Chief Electronics Technician Matthew Schechter. "We had five Sailors become submarine qualified, 12 crew members frocked and four officers promoted."

*Topeka* was commissioned

Oct. 21, 1989, and is the third ship of the U.S. Navy named for the city of Topeka, Kansas. It is the fourth "improved" Los Angeles-class submarine. Measuring more than 360 feet long and displacing more than 6,900 tons, *Topeka* has a crew of approximately 140 Sailors. *Topeka* is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare and intelligence, surveillance and

reconnaissance.

*Topeka* is one of four Los Angeles-class attack submarines assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron (COMSUBRON) 15, located at Polaris Point, Naval Base Guam in Santa Rita, Guam. The COMSUBRON 15 staff is responsible for providing training, material and personnel readiness support to these commands. The U.S. Navy's two submarine tenders, USS Frank Cable (AS 40) and

USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), are also based out of Naval Base Guam. The submarines and tenders are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational requirements.

For more news from Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, visit <http://www.csp.navy.mil/css15> and <https://www.facebook.com/SubmarineSquadron15/>. (PR)

## Fisheries study addresses critical Pacific data gap

**PORT VILA, Vanuatu**—A valuable new study on fisheries in the Pacific Islands region is now available.

Fisheries in the Economies of Pacific Island Countries and Territories produced by the Pacific Community (SPC), with support from the Government of Australia and the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), was launched in the wings of the Forum Fisheries Committee Ministerial meeting today, in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

This book provides a new baseline for assessing the value of fisheries in Pacific Island countries and territories, both for measuring achievements and for assessing future improvements in sustainable fishery management.

It also documents changes in the management of the Pacific tuna fishery, food security concerns for coastal fisheries in the face of growing populations and the effects these have on Pacific Island economies.

Key findings in the 2016 study reveal that coastal fisheries production has not increased significantly between 1999-2014 despite indications at the national level of increasing fishing pressure which validates concerns that many coastal fisheries in the region are either fully or over-exploited.

In contrast to coastal fisheries, access fees for foreign fishing increased almost three-fold (279 percent) in the period 2007-2014, as a result of the Vessel Day Scheme being introduced by the parties to the Nauru Agreement.

Fisheries is a critical sector for food security and economic growth in the Pacific

region. The sustainable development of the industry and effective management of this precious resource has been hampered by the lack of accurate and up-to-date data.

"Pacific Island countries and territories and their communities need to make informed decisions about the management of their fisheries sector given the importance of these resources for both food security and small-scale livelihoods.

However, the lack of comprehensive data for coastal fisheries has been a major constraint in putting the estimates of production and value together," the Director of SPC's Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division, Moses Amos, said at the launch.

"This is an area that needs to be addressed in the coming years so that when the study is undertaken again in five or six years, some of the current uncertainties would have been resolved," Mr Amos said.

The 2016 Fisheries in the Economies of Pacific Island Countries and Territories is the third volume in a series of studies of fisheries—known as Benefish—to quantify benefits from the fisheries sectors of Pacific Island countries conducted by SPC consultant, Robert Gillet.

Gillet also authored the first and second volumes, in 2001 and 2009 respectively.

Gillet visited 18 Pacific Island countries and territories and worked with local consultants in several locations to research for the 630-page study which was published by SPC in June 2016. (PR)

## Coast Guard, Navy searching for 3 missing fishermen near Haleiwa, Oahu



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Coast Guard and the Navy are searching for three missing fishermen reported overdue north northwest of Oahu, July 4, 2016. Their 20-foot fishing vessel Iwa, was spotted overturned by the Coast Guard approximately 25 miles off of Haleiwa Boat Harbor.

**HONOLULU**—The Coast Guard and the Navy are searching for three missing fishermen reported overdue north northwest of Oahu, Monday.

Missing is 30-year-old Jensen Loo, 30-year-old Clint Osima and 30-year-old Derek Tomas.

Their 20-foot fishing vessel Iwa, was spotted overturned by the Coast Guard approxi-

mately 25 miles off of Haleiwa Boat Harbor.

An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew and an HC-130 Hercules aircrew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point are currently searching as well as the USCGC Kiska (WPB-1336). A Navy P-3 Orion from Marine Corps Base Hawaii and members of the Honolulu Fire Department are also assisting in the search.

An Urgent Marine Information Broadcast has been issued alerting mariners in the area to keep a sharp lookout and report any sightings to the Coast Guard Sector Honolulu Command Center.

Watchstanders at Sector Honolulu received a call at 8:21 p.m., Sunday from a friend of the three fishermen stating they had gone out to fish at 5:45 a.m., in their 20-

foot fishing vessel and had not returned that evening by their designated time.

Anyone with information that may help locate the three fishermen is asked to contact the Sector Honolulu Command Center at 808-842-2600.

Weather conditions are currently reported as 15 to 25 mph winds with waves at 8 feet and unlimited visibility. (PR)

## Coast Guard Sector Honolulu holds change of command ceremony

**HONOLULU**—Capt. Michael Long relieved Capt. Shannon Gilreath as commander of Sector Honolulu during a change of command ceremony at Coast Guard Base Honolulu, Friday.

Long is a native of Florida and graduated from Florida State University with a master's in Public Administration in addition to earning a Bachelor of Science in Environment Resource Management from the University of West Florida.

Long's previous field assignments include serving as the deputy commander at

Sector Miami, senior defense official and defense attaché at the U.S. Embassy to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, response department head and search and rescue mission coordinator at Sector Puget Sound, port operations at Marine Safety Office New Orleans, and assistant operations officer at the Gulf Strike Team.

Long's previous staff tours include executive assistant to the Coast Guard's director of port security, assistant director of the Coast Guard's International Port Security Program,

and duty officer at the National Response Center.

Gilreath will be the new office chief of the Coast Guard's Maritime and International Law Program in Washington, D.C.

Prior to assuming command of Sector Honolulu, Capt. Gilreath was the deputy commander of Sector Honolulu. His previous assignments include USCGC Northland, Marine Safety Office New Orleans, Eighth Coast Guard District Legal Office, commanding officer of Marine Safety Unit Baton

Rouge, and chief of the Prevention Law Group within the Office of Maritime and International Law at Coast Guard Headquarters. He also served as a senior military fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a non partisan think tank based in Washington, D.C.

Rear Adm. Vincent Atkins, the Coast Guard 14th District Commander, was the presiding official for the ceremony.

For more information contact the 14th District Public Affairs Office at (808) 535-3230. (PR)



# Business

## UK left with power vacuum as UKIP leader latest to step down

**LONDON** (AP)—Britain's Conservative prime minister is stepping down. The Labour Party leader is barely clinging to power. And now the head of the U.K. Independence Party, a key architect of the dramatic vote to leave the European Union, has resigned as well.

It has left the country with a power vacuum just as someone needs to step up and own the talks on how Britain will exit the EU.

The June 23 referendum results have ripped through British politics like a buzz saw, and it will likely be weeks before some clarity emerges.

The new Conservative Party leader will be chosen Sept. 9 and will become prime minister. The contenders are talking in general terms about "Brexit" plans, but their words aren't yet backed by any authority.

UKIP leader Nigel Farage said Monday he is leaving his party post because he wants his life back after years of political intrigue. But observers note he's keeping his seat in the European Parliament and may well be hoping for a formal role when the new prime minister takes power and, most likely, starts Brexit talks with EU leaders.

"There's always a chance of him returning, but his future relies on other people supporting him and asking him to do something," said George Jones, government professor emeritus at the London School of Economics. "He goes out on a high as the man who caused this."

On top of Prime Minister David Cameron's and Farage's departures, Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn is clinging to office despite having lost a confidence vote by his party's lawmakers.

Jones said Britain is gripped by a power vacuum at the top.

"There isn't any leadership,



United Kingdom Independence Party leader, Nigel Farage, announces he is resigning as party leader during a speech at The Emmanuel Centre in London, Monday July 4, 2016.

there can't be, but in an emergency Cameron can take decisions," he said. "It's a strange situation. All the parties are in disarray. The unexpected has happened. It's first of all necessary to set up a government that can act, and there's a timetable set for that."

The Conservative Party leadership race will offer some clarity, since the winner of the party contest will become prime minister and presumably take responsibility for key Brexit decisions.

The race has been shaped by the virulent feud between leading "leave" campaigners ex-London Mayor Boris Johnson and Justice Secretary Michael Gove, who torpedoed Johnson's bid for the top spot

with his own last minute entry.

There are five contenders, including Gove, with Conservative lawmakers set to start voting on their favorites Tuesday.

Media attention has focused on Home Secretary Theresa May—who opposed Brexit during the referendum campaign, but now backs it—and Energy Minister Andrea Leadsom, who made her first major speech Monday.

She cast herself as a passionate supporter of the Brexit cause, although she opposed it as recently as 2013, promising negotiations would be relatively quick and effective in terms of giving Britain the power to control how many immigrants will move to the U.K.

"Freedom of movement will

end, and the British Parliament will decide how many people enter our country each year to live, work and contribute to our national life," she said.

Leadsom is one of the least-known among the five candidates to replace Cameron, but gained attention as one of the strongest voices for a vote to leave the EU.

Earlier, Treasury chief George Osborne announced plans to cut U.K. corporation tax to less than 15 percent to encourage companies to invest and ease business concerns about the country's vote to leave the EU.

Osborne says the cut is meant to underscore that Britain is "still open for business," despite the referendum result. A cut of

2015 budget deficit, when stripped of one-off measures such as rescuing a failed Portuguese bank, came to 3.2 percent - only slightly over the limit.

"It makes no sense to sanction Portugal," he told reporters in Lisbon. Costa has warned that penalties could knock Portugal's recovery off track as it aims to get the deficit below the limit this year.

The company had revenue of 3.08 billion euros in Germany in 2015.

McDonald's is seeing growing competition from gourmet burger restaurants in many German cities.

## German EU official urges action against Spain, Portugal

**BERLIN** (AP)—Germany's European Union commissioner pressed Monday for action against Spain and Portugal for failing to meet their budget targets, arguing that Brussels must act to maintain its credibility.

The EU's executive Commission refrained in May from imposing immediate fines, saying it would revisit the situation in July.

The EU wants countries to

## McDonald's invests over \$550 million to revamp German sites

**BERLIN** (AP)—Fast-food chain McDonald's says it is investing 500 million euros (\$557 million) to modernize its restaurants in Germany.

The company says 72 "restaurants of the future" will

keep their budget deficits below 3 percent of their annual GDP. Though countries can be fined up to 0.2 percent of their GDP if they fail to implement measures to meet the limits, no nation has yet been fined.

"If the Commission wants to preserve its credibility on upholding budget rules, we have to approve sanctions against Spain and Portugal," Commissioner Guenther Oet-

tinger was quoted as telling German daily Bild. "If we give ourselves common rules, they must be kept to."

Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa, whose center-left government is reversing previous austerity measures with the support of the Communist Party and radical Left Bloc, is fighting possible sanctions.

Costa said Monday that the

pick their own ingredients, are already available in Asia and some North American cities

McDonald's says most of its 1,472 sites in Germany will be redesigned by the end of 2019.

prominent law firm says it may go to court to force a vote in Parliament on the referendum. The law firm Mishcon de Reya, acting on behalf of a group of anonymous clients, argues that the referendum wasn't legally binding and that it is up to Parliament to have their say before the next prime minister invokes Article 50, triggering the start of negotiations for a U.K. departure from the EU.

Cameron has insisted that it will be up to the next prime minister to trigger Article 50.

It is far from clear what arrangements will emerge between Britain and other EU countries. Britain's immigration minister said Monday he can't guarantee that EU citizens who live in the U.K. will be able to stay after the country leaves the 28-nation bloc.

James Brokenshire told the House of Commons that "EU nationals continue to be welcome here" and "their right to enter, work, study and live in the U.K. remains unchanged" since the referendum.

But he said a guarantee that they would be allowed to remain after Britain negotiates its EU exit "would be unwise without a parallel assurance" from other EU countries that British citizens can continue to live there.

A final split from the EU is likely several years away. Opposition politicians are demanding that the government ease the uncertainty of around 3 million EU citizens by guaranteeing they can stay.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### 2 men charged with cocaine trafficking at Boston airport

**BOSTON** (AP)—Massachusetts State Police say two Pennsylvania men have been arrested on a charge of cocaine trafficking at Logan International Airport. Police say the two arrived Saturday in Boston from Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. While going through customs, a bag belonging to 19-year-old Ezra Mendez, of Allentown, was found to have an abnormality and was searched. Police say they found two wrapped packages in the bag's liner that tested positive for cocaine. Shortly afterward, police say 25-year-old Erick Dominguez-Santos, of Allentown, appeared nervous during the screening process. They say his nearly identical bag contained two packages of cocaine also hidden in the liner. The weight of the cocaine in each bag was estimated at 3 kilograms. The two are being

held without bail and couldn't be reached for comment.

#### Three Barclays traders found guilty in Libor case

**LONDON** (AP)—A British court has convicted three Barclays brokers of trying to fix the benchmark interest rate known as LIBOR, the London interbank offered rate. Jay Merchant, 45, Jonathan Mathew, 35, and Alex Pabon, 38, were convicted at Southwark Crown court of conspiring to defraud between 2005 and 2007. Another Barclays trader, Peter Johnson, 61, was also convicted. The three were convicted last week, but the court placed the matter under reporting restrictions until Monday, while a jury deliberated the fate of two other Barclays traders Ryan Michael Reich, 34, and Stylianos Contogoulas, 44. It was unable to reach a verdict on the final two. Libor is a critical rate in global finance, affects trillions of dollars in contracts including mortgages and bonds.



# Nation

## Hello Jupiter! NASA spacecraft arrives at giant planet

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—**Braving intense radiation, a NASA spacecraft reached Jupiter on Monday after a five-year voyage to begin exploring the king of the planets.

Ground controllers at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Lockheed Martin erupted in applause when the solar-powered Juno spacecraft beamed home news that it was circling Jupiter's poles.

The arrival at Jupiter was dramatic. As Juno approached its target, it fired its rocket engine to slow itself down and gently slipped into orbit. Because of the communication time lag between Jupiter and Earth, Juno was on autopilot when it executed the daring move.

"Juno, welcome to Jupiter," said mission control commentator Jennifer Delavan of Lockheed Martin, which built Juno.

The spacecraft's camera and other instruments were switched off for arrival, so there won't be any pictures at the moment it reaches its destination. Hours before the encounter, NASA released a series of images taken last week during the approach, showing Jupiter glowing yellow in the distance, circled by its four inner moons.

Scientists have promised close-up views of the planet when Juno skims the cloud tops during the 20-month, \$1.1 billion mission.

The fifth rock from the sun and the heaviest planet in the solar system, Jupiter is what's known as a gas giant—a ball of hydrogen and helium—unlike rocky Earth and Mars.

With its billowy clouds and colorful stripes, Jupiter is an extreme world that likely



**AP**  
Scott Bolton speaks in a post-orbit insertion briefing at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory following the solar-powered Juno spacecraft entered orbit around Jupiter on Monday, July 4, 2016, in Pasadena, Calif.

cade, beaming back splendid views of the planet and its numerous moons. It uncovered signs of an ocean beneath the icy surface of the moon Europa, considered a top target in the search for life outside Earth.

Juno's mission: To peer through Jupiter's cloud-socked atmosphere and map the interior from a unique vantage point above the poles. Among the lingering questions: How much water exists? Is there a solid core? Why are Jupiter's southern and northern lights the brightest in the solar system?

"What Juno's about is looking beneath that surface," Juno chief scientist Scott Bolton said before the arrival. "We've got to go down and look at what's inside, see how it's built, how deep these features go, learn about its real secrets."

## Police: Man, 2 daughters killed in act of 'pure evil'

**HAZEL CREST, Ill. (AP)—**The police chief of a Chicago suburb where a man and his two daughters were killed Saturday in their home called the act "pure evil" and urged anyone with information to share it with investigators.

Authorities have not identified any suspects in the shootings in Hazel Crest, but police Chief Mitchell Davis says it was a "targeted event."

"Anyone who could kill a 3-year-old and a 10-year-old, that's pure evil as far as I'm concerned," Davis said at a news conference Sunday.

Dionus M. Neely, 39, and his daughters, 3-year-old Endia and 10-year-old Elle, were fatally shot.

Davis said the crime was "not a random act of violence" and that Hazel Crest residents were not in danger.

Erin Neeley told the Chicago Sun-Times that her husband and five children were sleeping on two twin beds and a couch in the living room when the attack happened at about 2:20 a.m.

"After I didn't hear any more shots I crawled on the floor and closed the front door because it was open," she said. "And then I crawled over to the couch where my two daughters were sleeping and pulled them down to the floor. And they were limp."

She said police told her it's possible the attacker

kicked open their front door. The door was boarded up Sunday.

"Only by the grace of God we weren't hit," Erin Neeley said.

She said her husband was a stay-at-home dad.

"He was a good father. He loved all his kids," she said.

Davis said the only time police had been called to the home prior to the shooting was a few months ago on a report of property damage.

Erin Neeley told the Sun-Times her husband had a criminal record that included drug-related arrests but that "he'd cleaned up his life."

Neighbor Joanne Polzin told WMAQ-TV she awoke to gunshots and heard Erin Neeley screaming.

"I heard the mother screaming. She was just wailing, 'My babies, my babies,'" Polzin said.

Thirty detectives from the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force were investigating. The team includes detectives from the state police, the Cook County Sheriff's Office, and suburban police departments.

Davis asked the public to inform Hazel Crest police if they know something.

"You cannot commit a crime like the one that was committed yesterday and have no one know about it," he said Sunday. "Somebody knows about what transpired."

formed first, shortly after the sun. Unlocking its history may hold clues to understanding how Earth and the rest of the

solar system developed.

Named after Jupiter's cloud-piercing wife in Roman mythology, Juno is only the

second mission designed to spend time at Jupiter.

Galileo, launched in 1989, circled Jupiter for nearly a de-

## Obama to tell foe-to-friend story at Hillary Clinton event

**WASHINGTON (AP)—**They've been bitter rivals, allies and colleagues.

When they take the stage at their first joint campaign appearance on Tuesday, President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton will show off a new phase in their storied relationship: co-dependents.

Clinton's chances of winning the White House hinge on rallying Obama's coalition to her cause. Obama's legacy depends on her success. Eight years after they spent millions tearing each other down in

pursuit of the White House, they will now spend countless words and four months selling each other to the public.

The foe-to-friend story will be at the center of the Obama-Clinton show in Charlotte, North Carolina, aides to both say. In his remarks, the president will act as a character witness for his former secretary of state, who is struggling to convince voters of her trustworthiness and honesty. There is no better politician to testify on her behalf, many Democrats believe, than the man

who once counted himself among the Clinton skeptics but came around to be one of her biggest boosters.

"I think that he can be very helpful, particularly with Democratic voters and some independent voters who have doubts," said David Axelrod, the chief architect of Obama's 2008 race for the Democratic nomination against Clinton. "He can do that by sharing his own experience. They were rivals, they had their differences; that gives him some additional standing."

The Clinton campaign also is hoping Obama acts as a reminder of another, more popular chapter in Clinton's career. For four years, Obama trusted her to circle the globe representing his foreign policy to the world. She sat at his side in the Situation Room. She was the good soldier, putting aside her political ego to join the administration of the man who defeated her. During her tenure at the State Department she was viewed favorably by most Americans.

## Too dangerous to talk? Some cities explore 911 texting

**NEW YORK (AP)—**With gunshots ringing out just feet away, Eddie Justice hid in a bathroom in the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, and frantically texted his mother for help.

"Call police," he wrote. "I'm gonna die."

Moments later, he texted again: "Call them mommy. Now. He's coming."

Justice, who would later be confirmed among the 49 people killed in last month's attack, was among several victims who texted relatives to call 911, fearing they would draw too much attention by making voice calls.

None of them could text 911 directly because Orlando

is among the vast majority of U.S. cities that don't have that capability. But as active-shooter and hostage situations become more common, police departments are exploring technology that would allow dispatchers to receive texts, photos and videos in real time.

Out of more than 6,000 dispatch centers nationwide, a little more than 650 can accept text messages, with more than 150 making the text-to-911 upgrade this year, the Federal Communications Commission said.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, of New York, has been pushing for text-to-911 in New York City, which has been studying it for

nearly a year. Such a system, he said, can "save lives by informing 911 dispatchers of critical details that can guide first responders."

Emergency officials stress, however, that a voice 911 call is preferred when possible because a dispatcher can elicit details more quickly than texting back and forth. The major concern for many cities, including some of the nation's largest, is that overuse of texting when it's not absolutely necessary could slow response times and cost lives. In Los Angeles, which doesn't have 911 texting, a police dispatch official last year cautioned that response times for text 911 could be triple that for voice calls.

Nearly every municipality with text-to-911 service has sought to address that concern by promoting the slogan: "Call if you can, text if you can't."

Officials also warn that with text messages your approximate location isn't automatically sent to emergency responders, like it is with voice calls. Instead, they encourage people to give 911 call takers an accurate address or location as quickly as possible.

Supporters of such systems say their use would go beyond active-shooter and hostage situations to scenarios in which a battered spouse, for example, could surreptitiously message police without alerting the attacker.



# Asia

## Educated and well-off, Dhaka attackers defy usual

NEW DELHI (AP)—The young men had been missing for months. Their families sensed something was wrong.

It wasn't until the horror of the weekend hostage crisis in Bangladesh's capital unfolded that they learned their sons had become radicalized as religious extremists and launched one of the country's deadliest attacks in recent years.

The young men, armed with knives, bombs and automatic firearms, engaged in a gun battle with police, killing two and wounding more, then seized a popular restaurant in a Dhaka neighborhood on Friday night and held some 35 people hostage. Over the next few hours, they would kill 20 of their captives—including nine Italians, seven Japanese, an Indian teenager and three students at American universities. A witness said some victims were tortured when they could not recite verses from the Quran.

"This is very painful. He killed innocent people," said the aunt of one of the attackers, Rohan Imtiaz, whose father is a leader in Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's governing Awami League party.

"We sensed that Rohan was

changing and his behavior increasingly became different," she told the Associated Press in disbelief.

When Imtiaz went missing on Dec. 31, as his mother and father were in India for medical treatment, the family asked the police to help find him.

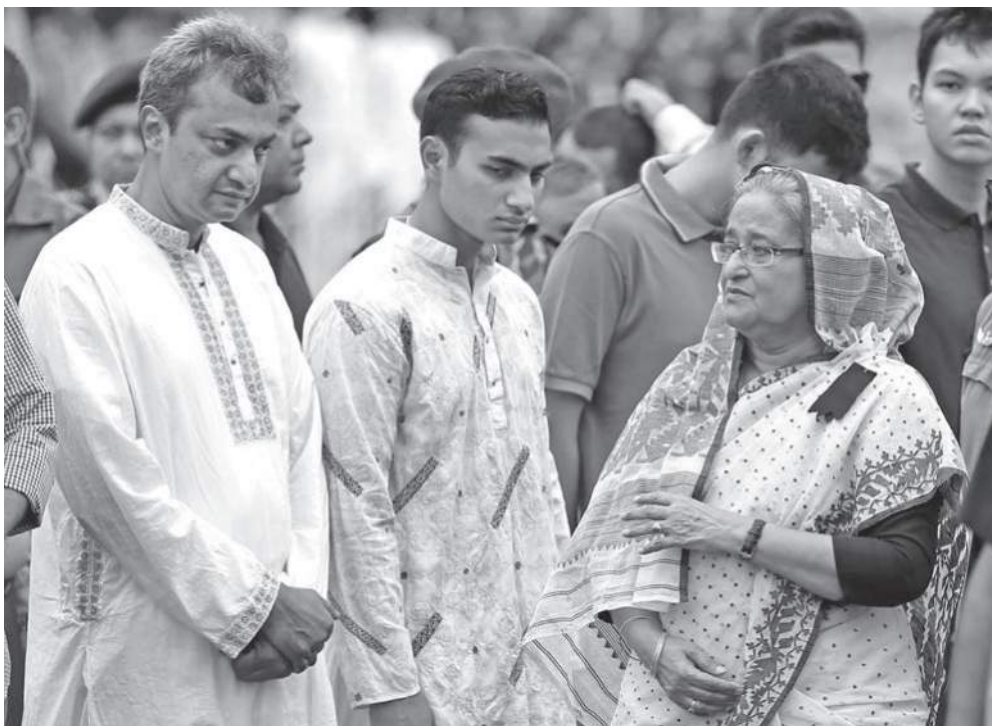
"My brother went to everybody: police, ministers and higher authorities after he went missing," said Rohan's aunt, who refused to be identified by name. "He became just crazy after his son went missing. But nobody could help us."

As details emerged of the men who laid siege to the Holey Artisan Bakery, it became clear that the attackers did not fit the typical profile for religious radicals coming from economically deprived backgrounds and latching onto extremist groups that promised a new future.

Most had come from privileged backgrounds, and were educated in top schools.

Some analysts said that's what made them attractive as recruits; their backgrounds meant they would not raise suspicions.

"They do not fit the usual stereotype of the madrassa-educated youth," said Pinak



Ranjan Chakravarty, a former Indian diplomat and policy expert on Bangladesh for the Observer Research Foundation, a New Delhi think tank. "My suspicion is that these young men were roped in by spotters or recruiters."

He said their defiance of the usual militant profile gave credibility to claims the attackers were part of a campaign waged by extremist groups abroad.

"This is a conscious decision on their part that they will get this kind of people," Chakravarty said. "The shock value for the radical groups of recruiting educated, affluent people is huge. The government will never suspect them. The intelligence agencies will never suspect them. Because these boys were never under any kind of surveillance."

Police released photographs

of the bodies of five attackers killed by paramilitary forces who ended the hostage siege. They also released names—Akash, Badhon, Bikash, Don and Ripon—which did not match those given by family members. Police said only that militants often go by many names to obscure their identities. Another suspected attacker was captured and was being interrogated.

The men, all younger than 30, belonged to the banned domestic group Jumatul Mujahideen Bangladesh, or JMB, according to police. Asked whether they might also have

AP  
Bangladeshi Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, talks to the relatives of Bangladeshi victims of the attack on Holey Artisan Bakery during a memorial service in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Monday, July 4, 2016.

had Islamic State ties, police said authorities were investigating that possibility.

"It is difficult to imagine how they were radicalized. At least four come from very wealthy backgrounds," said Benazir Ahmed, head of the country's paramilitary Rapid Action Battalion, according to Indian broadcaster NDTV.

Describing them as "flamboyant young men," he said some had also been frequent visitors to the same restaurant they attacked.

The Islamic State, in claiming responsibility for the attack, had also published photos of the five smiling young men, each holding what appear to be assault rifles and posing in front of a black IS flag. The men in those photographs released by the Amaq news agency, affiliated with IS, also appear to match the police images of the dead assailants in the restaurant after the hostage crisis ended.

Another attacker identified as Khairul Islam went missing six months ago, according to Bogra district police chief Mohammed Asaduzzman.

## US ready to help Southeast Asia fight extremist sea attacks

LEGAZPI, Philippines (AP)—The U.S. military is concerned about a series of attacks and abductions of tugboat crewmen by Abu Sayyaf extremists in Southeast Asian waters and is willing to lend a hand if needed as part of America's aim to ensure the freedom and safety of navigation in the region, a U.S. Navy official said Monday.

Rear Adm. Brian Hurley said the U.S. Navy has worked with Southeast Asian governments to ensure freedom of navigation and the safety of people in the economically bustling region and would continue to do so.

Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines have agreed to take possible coordinated actions, including sea and air patrols, and establish a "transit corridor" as designated sea lanes for boats and ships in the seas along their borders to stop an alarming wave of attacks by Abu Sayyaf extremists and allied militants.

More than two dozen Indonesian and Malaysian crewmen have been kidnapped by ransom-seeking Abu Sayyaf militants and allied gunmen who use powerful speedboats to stage four attacks on slow-moving tugboats in the Sulu Sea and outlying waters since April.

All the hostages from the first three attacks have been freed reportedly in exchange for ransom but a fourth tugboat came under attack last month and seven Indonesian crewmen were kidnapped, officials said.

A Philippine military officer, who has monitored the offshore attacks, said the Abu Sayyaf may have been working with militants and contacts in Indonesia and Malaysia to carry out attacks on passing tugboats and commercial ships similar to the piracy assaults in Somalia few years ago.

The shift to piracy may have been prompted by stron-

ger military actions that have made it more difficult for the militants to carry out kidnappings for ransom—a key source of funds by the Abu Sayyaf, the officer said.

"We are always concerned about safety at sea and the freedom of navigation through the waters," Hurley told The Associated Press during an interview. "From the Navy's perspective, it's freedom of navigation through all these different straits that we are doing that and working together in a multilateral engagement is very much appreciated and we will continue to do so," he said.

licemen had planned to carry out robberies to help fund an Islamic State cell while the other was protecting a senior militant member from detection.

Muslim-majority Malaysia has detained more than 160 suspected militants over the last two years, including some allegedly planning attacks in the country. Police have raised the security alert level this year. On Jan. 15, police detained a man who was allegedly hours away from carrying out a suicide attack in Kuala Lumpur.

## Malaysia says July 28 blast first by Islamic State in nation

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian police said Monday a grenade blast at a bar last week that injured eight people was the first attack in the country by the Islamic State militant group, and that 15 people have been detained.

Police initially said the June 28 explosion outside Kuala Lumpur was related to a business rivalry, or a revenge or target killing.

National police chief Khalid Abu Bakar said subsequent investigations showed that the

blast was carried out by the Islamic State group.

Khalid said two factory workers who allegedly committed the crime have been detained. He said the two men had received orders from a Malaysian man fighting with the group in Syria to launch the attack on the nightspot as it was deemed un-Islamic.

They were believed to have obtained the hand grenade from a neighboring country, he said. The attack occurred in the early morning as patrons were watching live Euro soc-

cer matches.

Khalid said 13 other suspects, including two low-level policemen, have also been detained across the country as police beefed up security amid concerns that the Islamic State group was planning more attacks.

Apart from nightspots, the suspects were also told to target senior government officials including Prime Minister Najib Razak, senior police officials and judges as they were deemed obstacles to the militants' activities, he said.

Khalid said one of the po-

## Vietnam protests against Chinese drills in S. China Sea

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnam has protested against a Chinese military drill in the contested South China Sea and has demanded that China stop the actions it says are a threat to security and maritime safety. China announced that it will carry out the week-long military drills on and around the Paracel islands starting Tuesday. They will finish on the eve of a ruling by an international tribunal in a case filed by the Philippines challenging China's claims to most of the South China Sea.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Le Hai Binh said in a statement posted late Monday on the ministry's website that China's moves seriously violate Vietnamese sovereignty and demanded that China stop the drills.

"Vietnam strongly protests and demanded that China respect Vietnam's sovereignty, behave responsibly, immediately stop and do not take actions that threaten se-

curity, maritime safety in the East Sea or escalate tension in this region," Binh said, referring to the South China Sea.

China's military exercise comes as the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague is expected to issue a ruling on July 12 on a case brought by the Philippines in 2013 contesting China's claims in the South China Sea.

Vietnam, China and Taiwan all claim the Paracel islands which are occupied by China, and those three along with the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei claim all or parts of the Spratly islands, which are believed to rich in natural resources and occupy one of the world's busiest sea lanes.

China's massive land reclamation projects and increased militarization of the seven reefs and atolls in the Spratlys over the past two years have raised serious concerns in the region.



# World

## Bombing near 1 of Islam's holiest sites in Saudi kills 4

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—A suicide bombing outside one of Islam's holiest sites killed four Saudi security forces on Monday, and similar attacks outside a Shiite mosque and a U.S. Consulate in two other Saudi cities raised fears of a coordinated assault aimed at destabilizing the Western-allied kingdom.

The Interior Ministry said five others were wounded in the attack outside the sprawling mosque grounds where the Prophet Muhammad is buried in Medina. Millions of Muslims from around the world visit the mosque every year as part of their pilgrimage to Mecca.

The ministry said the attacker set off the bomb in a parking lot after security officers raised suspicions about him. Several cars caught fire and thick plumes of black smoke were seen rising from the site of the explosion as thousands of worshippers crowded the streets around the mosque.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for any of the attacks.

Altayeb Osama, a 25-year-old Sudanese visitor to Medina and resident of Abu Dhabi, said he heard two large booms about a minute apart as he was heading toward the mosque for sunset prayers. He said police and fire trucks were on the scene within seconds.

"It was very shocking that such a thing happens in such



a holy place for Muslims, the second holiest place in the world. That's not an act that represents Islam," Osama said. "People never imagined that this could happen here."

The ruling Al Saud family derives enormous prestige and legitimacy from being the caretakers of the hajj pilgrimage and Islam's holiest sites in Mecca and Medina. The attack may have been an attempt to undermine the Saudi monarchy's claim of guardianship.

In 1979, extremists took over Mecca's Grand Mosque, home to the cube-shaped Kaaba, for two weeks as they demanded the royal family abdicate the throne.

Last year, the Saudi government was accused of gross negligence by regional foes,

primarily Iran, after a crush of pilgrims during the annual hajj killed at least 2,426 peo-

<sup>AP</sup>  
In this photo provided by Noor Punasiya, people stand by an explosion site in Medina, Saudi Arabia, Monday, July 4, 2016.

ple and a crane collapse over the Grand Mosque killed 111 worshippers.

The Prophet Muhammad's mosque was packed Monday evening with worshippers during the final days of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which ends in the kingdom on Tuesday. Local media say the attacker was intending to strike the mosque when it was crowded with thousands of worshippers gathered for the sunset prayer.

Qari Ziyaad Patel, 36, from Johannesburg, South Africa, was at the mosque when he heard a blast just as people were breaking their fast with dates. Many at first thought it was the sound of traditional, celebratory cannon fire, but then he felt the ground shake.

"The vibrations were very strong," he said. "It sounded like a building imploded."

State-run news channel al-Ekhbariya aired live video of the mosque filled with worshippers praying hours after the explosion. It also showed footage of Saudi King Salman's son and the Governor of Medina, Prince Faisal bin Salman, visiting security officers wounded in the blast and the site of the explosion.

Also Monday evening, at least one suicide bomber and a car bomb exploded near a Shiite mosque in eastern Saudi Arabia, several hours after a suicide bomber carried out an attack near the U.S. Consulate in the western city of Jiddah.

Saudi Arabia has been a target of Islamic State attacks that have killed dozens of people. In June, the Interior Ministry reported 26 terror attacks in the last two years.

## Young Cuban-Americans get new impressions on island visits

**HAVANA (AP)**—Miranda Hernandez's grandparents lost everything when they fled Cuba in the 1960s. She grew up thinking of the island as "North Korea with nice beaches," she said.

But when four young Cuban-Americans started a program sending peers with similar island ties to explore their heritage after U.S.-Cuba detente, she applied.

On Friday, after a week in Havana visiting entrepreneurs, artists and relatives she'd nev-

er met, the 20-year-old senior at the University of California, Berkeley flew home with impressions certain to upset many of her grandparents' generation.

"Right off the bat I'm going to say honestly it's not that bad," she said on Thursday afternoon as she visited the Havana apartment where her mother lived as a young girl. "A lot of people perceive Cuba as a terrible place where people aren't happy, but that's not the case."

The declaration of U.S. detente with Cuba was made possible by the softening of a hard line held for half a century by Florida's powerful Cuban-American community.

Expectations of a fearsome backlash to follow any outreach to Cuba diminished as the first generations of Cuban-American exiles were joined by new waves of economic migrants, and by children and grandchildren who never directly experienced communism.

Now the process of normalization between the U.S. and Cuba is accelerating and widening that softening of attitudes. Inspired by the reestablishment of diplomatic and business ties, the children and grandchildren of exiles are traveling to Cuba in increasing numbers, often as part of programs designed to support family

reconciliation and political normalization.

Among the most notable efforts is CubaOne, the new program that took Hernandez to Cuba. Inspired by Birthright Israel, a program that has sent 500,000 young Jews to Israel since 1999, CubaOne hopes to send three groups of Cuban-Americans to the island by February. Its founders are putting nearly \$100,000 of their own money into the fledgling program and hope to raise enough funds for future years from individual donors and the American airlines, hotel companies and other businesses starting to establish footholds in Cuba.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Swedish police report 27 cases of sexual assault at festival

**HELSINKI (AP)**—Swedish police say they have received reports of 27 cases of sexual assault against girls or young women at a music festival in southern Sweden over the weekend. Karlstad police officer Eva Hogfeldt says they are searching for seven male perpetrators in the alleged attacks on Friday and Saturday at a concert in the central city, but didn't give any details about the suspects. Hogfeldt said the attacks included alleged groping and other sexual misconduct. No incidents of rape were reported. No one has been detained or arrested. Hogfeldt said Monday that the victims of the alleged assaults at the free festival were aged 12 to 20. She declined to give more details pending the outcome of an investigation.

#### Finland police hold 6 Cuban volleyball players in rape case

**HELSINKI (AP)**—Finnish police have released two members of Cuba's national men's volleyball team but are holding six others on suspicion of aggravated rape, an investigator said Monday. Police will request that a regional court on Tuesday order the six men to be remanded in custody to continue the investigation before any possible charges, said

Joni Lansipuro, the Central Finland Police Department officer in charge of the investigation. "We have made considerable progress in our investigation and have various pieces of evidence and relevant factors that support our suspicions," Lansipuro said. "We propose (to the court) that they be held in custody."

#### Israel's Netanyahu in Uganda to start 4-nation Africa tour

**KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)**—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country's raid on Uganda's Entebbe airport 40 years ago, in which his brother was killed, "changed the course" of his life and had a lasting influence on his country's relations with Africa. Speaking shortly after his arrival in Uganda, Netanyahu praised Israel's commando raid on the airport which freed Israeli hostages from a hijacked plane. "International terrorism suffered a stinging defeat," he said of the mission in July 1976. The Entebbe rescue is a seminal event in Israeli history and is widely seen as one of the country's greatest military successes. It also was a monumental event for Netanyahu, as the death of his brother, Yonatan, pushed him into the public eye and on a track that would take him to the country's highest office.

## Amnesty documents 'chilling' abuses by armed groups in Syria

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Some Syrian opposition groups have adopted methods of abuse similar to those employed by the government of President Bashar Assad, Amnesty International said in a report Tuesday, in which it documented a "chilling" wave of torture, abductions and summary killings in insurgent-controlled areas. The report is based on interviews with some 70 individuals living or working in the northern provinces of Idlib and parts of Aleppo, areas controlled by insurgents.

The abuses were committed over four years by five armed groups, including some backed by the U.S and other regional powers, and al-Qaida's branch in Syria, Amnesty said.

"While some civilians in areas controlled by armed opposition groups may at first have welcomed an escape from brutal Syrian government rule, hopes that these armed groups would respect rights have faded as they have increasingly taken the law into their own hands and committed serious abuses," said Philip Luther, director of Amnesty's Middle East program.

The report documents at least 24 abductions of activists, ethnic and religious minorities, as well as three children, two of whom remain missing as of last week.

Amnesty also documented summary killings by gunfire, some in public, of pro-government fighters, which it said

constitute war crimes. It called on international backers to cease arms transfers to groups implicated in abuse.

Some people were abducted because of their criticism of the armed groups or simply for playing music. Media activists reported receiving threats for critical reporting. Some said they were suspended for hours from their wrists or were squeezed into a tire with their hands bound behind their backs and beaten, methods of torture also used by the Syrian government.

One of the groups, Ahrar al-Sham, said in a letter that it would like to meet with Amnesty to clarify the issues. It did not respond to the allegations.





TNS

If you need a new garage door or just some repairs, take the time to make sure you hire a reputable garage door dealer, installer or repair technician.

# Good Housekeeping

## Living Smart: Who to hire to repair or install a garage door?

By STACI GIORDULLO  
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**W**hen it's time to buy and install a new garage door or if your door needs a few repairs, it's important to

hire an established, dependable company for the task. A shoddy installation or incomplete repairs can lead to an unsafe environment. To make sure you work with the best, review these tips to hiring a garage door professional.

### LICENSING MAY OR MAY NOT BE REQUIRED

Unfortunately, trade licensing isn't required across the board in the garage door industry. It's important to research what's required in your state or municipality.

"Be careful," says Frank Arrigoni, president of Elite Garage Door Service in Charlotte, North Carolina. "Since it's an unlicensed trade (in North Carolina), anyone with a pair of winding bars and a pickup truck thinks he's a door man. Educate yourself on what kind of repair you need, and ask a lot of questions."

And make sure your search is thorough, because the license that's required might not have anything overtly to do with garage doors.

"You need to check to make sure they have the proper license," says Peter Giglio, owner of Gaithersburg Garage Door in Gaithersburg, Maryland. "Maryland requires a home improvement commission license and Virginia requires a state contractor's license."

However, regardless of what licensing is required, companies should be bonded and insured. Be sure to verify a company's policy.

### WHERE IS THE COMPANY LOCATED?

How long has the company been in business and do they have a brick-and-mortar building from which they work? Oftentimes, less reputable (temporary?) companies will swoop into an area and offer dirt-cheap prices for repairs or new products, but the quality of the items and services isn't up to par.

"Look for someone who has been around for a while," says Joe Gamez, service manager at Overhead Door Company of San Antonio. "Check to see if they have a physical address, because a lot of people don't show addresses and you don't know if you'll be able to find them tomorrow (should the door

malfunction)."

Visiting a garage door dealer's showroom is also very helpful in determining exactly what you want.

"Look at a complete door installed in the showroom, and look at the dealer's photo album of completed projects," says Kevin Cunningham, managing partner of Cunningham Door & Window in Louisville, Kentucky. "Bring photos of your house, or of a neighbor's house (for inspiration). Let the creative ideas flow. We love it when a customer requests a unique design or a special wood species."

### READ THE REVIEWS

Since the garage door industry is spotty on licensing throughout the country, reading reviews is critical to hiring the best.

"The first thing to do is check Angie's List," says Allen Evans, owner of Garage Door Guys in Kannapolis, North Carolina. "As a member myself, it has been a valuable tool when hiring trades with which I am unfamiliar. Also, as with any other type of service, call and ask questions."

In addition, look for a company who's a member of the International Door Association, which requires certain industry guidelines to be followed. Homeowners should also expect a company to be responsive, and able to tend to your request within a short amount of time.

"Look for good customer service," says Stacy Willis of Andrew's Garage Door Repair in Centreville, Virginia. "We try to get our technicians out there as soon as possible and have people who can answer your questions."

And if a company representative is giving you an in-home presentation on the benefits of a new garage door, pay particular attention.

"If what you see is someone who arrives late for an appointment, who promises to get back to you but doesn't, and who you catch telling a lie; believe me, there's a whole lot worse going on that you can't see," Cunningham says. "Your home is a very important part of your life. Don't do business with someone who does not appreciate or respect you and/or your property."

## IN ETERNAL LIFE



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
[John 3:16]

## JOSE CEPEDA LEON GUERRERO

[Affectionately known as "Joe" or "Joe Tindin"]

Born on November 9, 1944, answered our Lord's call on June 29, 2016 to his new home in Paradise where he will be greeted and reunited with *his son †Walter David and grandson †Josef Joachin; his parents †Rosa Torres Cepeda and †Vicente Iglesias Leon Guerrero; brothers †Joaquin, †Bernardo, and †Nicolas; mother-in-law †Maria Ada DeLeon Guerrero; sister-in-law †Vertilia C. Leon Guerrero; nephews, niece, and grandniece †Vicente and Rudolfo Leon Guerrero, Naomi DLG Benjamin, Briana LG. Camacho*

Joe lived a fulfilling, blessed and enjoyable life with his wife, **Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero**. His strong family ties, unique and warm personality, laughter, friendship, leadership, his love and passion for sports, his legacy and most especially his unconditional love will forever live on in the hearts of his wife, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren – *Joellene Collette/Albert Abadam and children; Roslyn Monique and sons; Guadalupe Maria/Dennis Urdaneta and sons; Alana May/Joaquin Tudela, Jr. and daughter; Marie, children and grandchildren; Jeffrey, children and grandchildren; children and grandchildren of †Walter David; children at heart – Charlie/Dolores C. Leon Guerrero and family; Nicolas/Jacqueline C. Leon Guerrero and family; Christopher/Frances P. Leon Guerrero and family; Lillian C. Leon Guerrero and children. He will be greatly missed by his brother Antonio/Anemary K. Leon Guerrero and family; his extended families – children of †Nicolas and †Vertilia Leon Guerrero; Dolores P. Leon Guerrero [†Joaquin] and family; Carmen B. Leon Guerrero [†Bernardo] and family; James DeLeon Guerrero/Frances Salas and family; Lourdes C. DeLeon Guerrero and family; Pauline DLG./Luis Kapileo and family; Louise DLG./Alvin Hofschneider and family; Elaine DLG./Nick Benjamin and family; Jocelyn DeLeon Guerrero and family; Carlyn DLG./Joseph Hofschneider and family; Bertha DLG./Ken Bowditch and family; Bridgette DLG./Henry Camacho and family; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces, classmates, godchildren, former students and close friends.*

Masses of intention for the repose of his soul is offered daily at 6:00 a.m. and the Holy Rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. *Joe will be with us for the last time on Friday, July 8, 2016. Visitation and last respects will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. with interment services to follow immediately at Mount Carmel Cemetery where he will be laid to peaceful rest.*

**ALICIA DLG. LEON GUERRERO**  
[Children, grandchildren & great grandchildren]



# Focus

By KATHY GANNON  
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## In Pakistan, gruesome 'honor' killings bring a new backlash

**LAHORE, Pakistan** (AP)—Parveen Rafiq closed her hands around the neck of her youngest daughter, Zeenat, and squeezed and squeezed until the girl was almost dead.

Then, in the tiny apartment where the family lived, she doused the 18-year-old with kerosene and set her on fire.

Neighbors saw the smoke and rushed to the home. Someone inside, apparently one of Rafiq's daughters-in-law, was screaming, "Help her! Help!"

But the door was bolted from within. Moments later, they heard Rafiq scream from her rooftop: "I have killed my daughter. I have saved my honor. She will never shame me again."

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Zeenat's crime was marrying a childhood friend she loved, defying her widowed mother's pressure for an arranged marriage and, in the mind of her mother and many of her neighbors, tarnishing her family's honor.

Her macabre death on June 8 in the eastern city of Lahore was the latest in a series of increasingly gruesome "honor killings" in Pakistan, a country with one of the highest rates of such killings in the world.

In one case, a mother slit the throat of her pregnant daughter who had married a man she loved. In yet another a jilted suitor doused a teenage girl with kerosene and set her on fire.

In the city of Abbottabad, a teenage girl was tortured, injected with poison and then strapped to the seat of a vehicle, doused with gasoline and set on fire. Her crime was helping a friend elope.

A jirga, or council of local elders, ordered her killing and dictated the manner of her death. The vehicle was parked in a public place, outside a bus stop as a message to others.

The brutality and rapid succession of killings horrified many Pakistanis. The numbers of such killings have climbed in lockstep with their sometimes-public spectacle. Last year, three people a day were killed in "honor" crimes in Pakistan: a total of 1,096 women and 88 men, according to the independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. In 2014, the number was 1,005 women, including 82 children, up from 869 women killed a year earlier. The true numbers are believed to be higher, with many cases going unreported, activists say.

Some human rights and women's rights activists believe honor killings have been inching up and showing greater brutality as the older generation tries to dig in against creeping change. Over the years, more women have been going to school and working outside the home, even among lower and lower middle class, and use of social media has helped women raise their voices.

"The old order of misogyny and extremism is falling apart, is really crumbling," says Marvi Sarmid, a political commentator and women's rights activist. Conservative Muslim clerics are furious over the creeping change and are fighting back with regressive changes targeting women,

she said.

The changes are a serious challenge to the status quo in Pakistan, where centuries of tradition and culture have tied the idea of a woman as a pristine and untouched commodity to a family's honor. Deeply conservative traditions have been further strengthened by decades of governments and military dictators who have often curried the support of religious hard-liners with legislation enshrining the old ways.

But more than 70 percent of Pakistan's 180 million people are under 30, and among the younger, more tech-savvy generation, some are vocally challenging the traditions of their elders to an unprecedented degree.

Salman Akram Raja, a lawyer, said the young are pushing traditional boundaries even if the state is lagging behind and even if the conservative old guard is lashing back.

"I don't think this archaic order will win," Raja said. "But it is going to go down violently."

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For months, neighbors said, Zeenat's mother had complained about her two elder daughters, who had married men of their own choice.

Zeenat was her last chance to save her honor. She planned an arranged marriage for Zeenat with a member of their own social caste, the Rajput, which traces its origin to the Indian subcontinent and is said to be descended from kings.

But Zeenat had her heart set on a young motorcycle mechanic named Hassan Khan.

They had met when she was 12 and he was 14 and quickly became playmates. They lived about two blocks apart in Changi Amar Sadhu, a crowded Lahore shantytown where electrical wires and phone lines crisscross overhead in a crazy jumble that obscures the sky. As they grew older, friendship became romance.

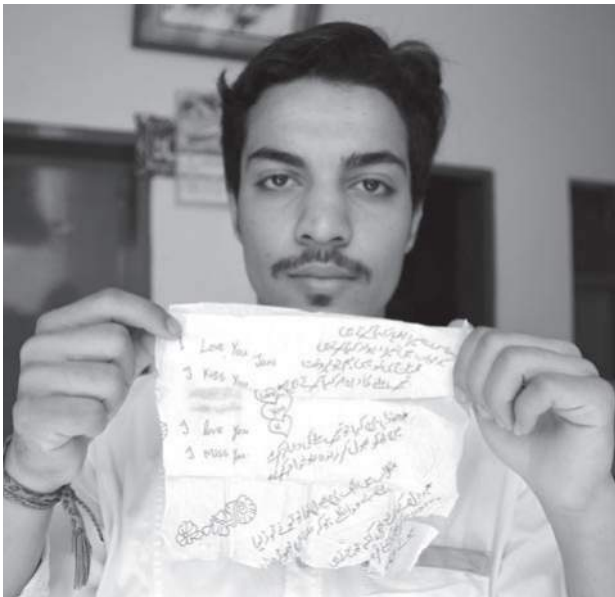
"We were in love," Khan said, his voice barely a whisper.

He fumbled through his phone until he found a collection of selfies that Zeenat had put together to the rhythm of their favorite song, an Urdu pop tune called "You Made Me Your Lover."

She loved taking selfies, loved music and poetry, he said. As the music played, Zeenat in the photos struck different poses, sometimes coy, sometimes playful or teasing, but always smiling, her long black hair falling loosely past her shoulders.

She also taught the neighborhood children the Quran, Islam's holy book. She could recite the entire book from memory.

Her mother knew about Khan, and she and Zeenat were constantly fighting. Zeenat told him her mother beat



In this June 11, 2016 photo, Hassan Khan shows a tissue on which his wife Zeenat wrote a poem and messages to him, in Lahore, Pakistan.

her. Over long hours on the phone, Zeenat pleaded with him to marry her so she wouldn't be forced into an arrangement.

Finally, in May, they sneaked off and registered their marriage at the local courthouse and Zeenat moved into Khan's home.

They had defied her mother. They were together.

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Those who kill for "honor" are almost never punished in Pakistan. A law based on Islamic Shariah allows the family of a victim to forgive a killer, and in these cases the killers are almost always family. So other relatives, whether they condone the killing or not, give their forgiveness, unwilling to see loved ones jailed.

Successive governments have been reluctant to toughen the laws, fearful of Islamic hard-liners who oppose anything they see as weakening enforcement of Shariah, undermining the family's authority or promoting women's rights seen as "Western."

Sermid, the women's rights activist, has felt their wrath.

During a televised debate in June exploring the phenomenon of honor killings, lawmaker Hafiz Hamdullah, who belongs to a Taliban-affiliated religious party, Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam, threatened Sermid with rape and called her a whore. A burly, bearded man, Hamdullah was escorted out of the TV station by security guards when he tried to take a swing at Sermid, who has since filed charges.

Female politicians have also felt resistance to efforts at raising their voices.

When lawmaker Shireen Mazari last month tried to speak up during a parliament debate, the defense minister insulted her appearance and demanded she use a "more feminine" tone. Mazari, the parliamentary leader of Pakistan's Justice Party, has furiously demanded an apology.

Still, outrage over recent honor killings and other violence against women has fueled a bold outcry against the establishment. One target in particular has been the Council of

Islamic Ideology, a body of conservative, elderly Muslim clerics that advises the government on laws to ensure they don't stray from Shariah.

When the government proposed a law aimed at protecting women against violence, the council in May put forward an alternative that would allow men to "lightly beat" their wives.

Young activists fired up a Twitter campaign with the mocking hashtag #TryBeatingMeLightly. On TV talk shows, guests denounced the council, which has opposed laws against child marriage and denounced using DNA evidence in rape cases, as irrelevant, misogynist and out of touch. In Parliament, some lawmakers called for it to be disbanded.

The outcry appears to be having an effect. The council in June decreed that honor killings are un-Islamic.

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A few days after Zeenat and Khan were married, her mother and uncle showed up. They pleaded with her to come home.

Just for a few days, they said. During that time, they would arrange a proper wedding for her and Khan. That would save their honor, showing neighbors she left "respectably" from her mother's home, instead of eloping.

As is tradition, Khan's elders did the negotiating, and eventually they agreed that Zeenat would go with her mother. Zeenat's uncle gave his promise she would be safe.

Zeenat and Khan spoke every day. The first three days were good, Khan said. It seemed her mother had accepted their marriage.

But on the fourth day, Zeenat called him and said, "The mood has changed." Her mother was yelling at her threateningly. She was scared.

"I told her to not worry. It was just two more days and she would be back home with me."

The next morning, she was dead. Khan saw his wife for the last time in the morgue. They had been married for less than two weeks.

"When I saw her, 100 thoughts were in my head. But my first thought was that I will kill myself. Then I thought, I will kill her family," he said. "But now I have decided I will fight the legal battle. I will not find peace until I get punishment."

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Rafiq and one of her sons suspected of helping her in the killing are now in police custody. And they may actually face punishment.

The two are being charged under Pakistan's anti-terrorism law, specifically under a clause making any act that causes general panic an act of terrorism. Under pressure to do something about honor killings, police and prosecutors have started to use the law as a way around the for-

giveness loophole.

"It is just cold-blooded murder and it has created panic, so it falls under the anti-terror law," said Lahore's deputy police superintendent, Mohammad Amin.

Sermid and others see hope for change under the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. Sharif is closely allied to Islamic hard-liners, but he's under heavy criticism for alleged corruption in his party and the weakness of his government. Under pressure to show results, Sharif is realizing that Pakistan's image of intolerance is bad for business, said Sermid.

"The prime minister has called for a liberal, modern Pakistan," she said.

Sharif has promised to introduce legislation making it harder for family members who kill their daughters to go unpunished. He has yet to do so.

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The neighborhood women outside Rafiq's home all agreed that she was driven to kill Zeenat, and she should go free.

"Daughters are duty-bound to maintain the honor of the family," said Muneeba Bibi, her head and most of her body hidden under a white shawl. "It's better to have no children than to have a daughter who brings you shame."

Bibi said she has daughters of her own and that, as far as she was concerned, education was ruining girls today.

"The problems are all because the girls go to school. They see boys, they fall in love," she said. "I will not send my girls to school. That is the only answer."

Of Zeenat's killing, she added, "This is a good lesson for all the girls here to protect the family honor, to not bring disrespect."

The little girls playing in the alleys knew all about Zeenat's death. Some had heard her mother's cry from the rooftop that morning.

But they weren't sure why. All they knew was she had done something very bad. When asked if they might fall in love with a boy, they broke out into giggles.

The eldest of them, 11-year-old Sameera, seemed to have some idea but was too shy to say. When asked why Zeenat was killed, she looked down and was silent.

"She was strangled and then they burned her," said Sameera, who wore a white shawl covering her head. "When I think about it I get scared."

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In the two-story concrete home he shared with Zeenat in their brief, doomed marriage, Khan cradled the few keepsakes of hers that he possessed: her slippers, new clothes, a bright red cup emblazoned with the word "love."

On a white tissue paper, she had written a poem, part in English, part in Urdu.

"I love you. I kiss you  
I love you. I miss you  
I take your name with every breath  
I see you in every dream  
I want to see you all the time"

Carefully, Khan refolded the fragile tissue and returned it to his wallet.

Finally, he spoke.

"I want her hanged," he said of Zeenat's mother. "She has to be punished. This is the only way this will stop."



# Life & Style

## Joey Chestnut downs record 70 hot dogs in eating contest

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Joey “Jaws” Chestnut beat his own record in regaining the Mustard Yellow International Belt on Monday, downing a stomach-churning 70 hot dogs and buns to top Matt “The Megatoad” Stonie at the annual July Fourth eating contest.

Chestnut, 32, easily secured victory by polishing off 17 more hot dogs than Stonie, who last year ended Chestnut’s streak of eight straight wins in a major upset to take the championship title at Nathan’s Famous on Coney Island.

The 70 hot dogs and buns gobbled by Chestnut were the most ever eaten at the competition. In 2013, Chestnut set a world record by eating 69 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes. Contest officials said Chestnut also set a record last month when he ate 73 1/2 hot dogs and buns during a qualifying event.

As he gripped the mustard-colored belt after his win Monday afternoon, Chestnut said Stonie had “woke up the sleeping giant” when he beat him out last year.

“Last year was rough,” Chestnut told the crowd. “This year was the best ever.”

Stonie said there were “no



excuses” for his loss. He said Chestnut did an amazing job. Both are from San Jose, California.

With thousands of people—many wearing Nathan’s Famous hats—watching the eaters on an elevated stage along the

famed boardwalk, the next closest competitor ate 41 hot dogs.

The men’s contest came

more than an hour after the women competed, with defending champion Miki Sudo

capturing first place.

The Las Vegas woman scarfed down 38 1/2 hot dogs

and buns in 10 minutes to claim the championship title for the third straight year. Both she and Chestnut leave with \$10,000 each.

Sudo, 30, downed 4 1/2 more wieners than prior champion Sonya “Black Widow” Thomas, 48, of Alexandria, Virginia, who devoured 34 hot dogs. Thomas had held the championship title from 2011 until she lost in an upset to Sudo in 2014.

The colorful holiday tradition draws its share of characters. Many in the crowd Monday wore foam hats shaped like hot dogs. One man held a sign that read: “Make America Eat Again,” a play on presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump’s campaign slogan, “Make America Great Again.”

## Harlequin to launch literary imprint Park Row Books

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Harlequin, the publisher synonymous with romance novels, is anxious to show off its literary side.

The publisher told The Associated Press on Friday that it is launching an imprint called Park Row Books, dedicated to “thought-provoking and voice-driven novels” that have “mainstream appeal.” The first books are scheduled for the summer of 2017. Harlequin has previously issued more literary works through its MIRA imprint, notably Jason Mott’s “The Returned,” but sees Park Row as a more effective showcase.

“We’ve been growing that part of our business for a very long time,” says Erika Imranyi, Park Row’s executive editor. “It’s a small piece of what we do, but a really important piece.”

Park Row is named for the street in downtown Manhattan where Harlequin’s New York office was once located. Harlequin, where imprints range from mystery stories to Christian themes, was purchased by Rupert Murdoch’s News Corp. in 2014 and now is part of HarperCollins Publishers.

Hoping that a successful book can sell tens of thousands of copies, Imranyi doesn’t have the same commercial expectations for Park Row books that she might have for traditional Harlequin fiction, which often sells hundreds of thousands of copies. But she is willing to spend money for the right book. Park Row plans to debut with Benjamin Ludwig’s “The Improbable Flight of Ginny Moon,” acquired earlier this year in a six-figure deal. Formerly titled “Forever Girl,” the novel tells of an autistic teen so anxious to reconnect with her birth mother she plots to be kidnapped by her.

“Improbable Flight” has been billed as a combination of Emma Donoghue’s “Room” and Mark Haddon’s “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.”

“We see it as a poignant and uplifting story,” Imranyi says.

Other scheduled works include thrillers by Mary Kubica and Heather Gudenkauf, a new novel from prize-winning Canadian author Christopher Meades and British author Elizabeth Heathcote’s “Undertow.”

## Behind famed hot dog contest, a whopper of a legend

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Nathan’s Famous may be in the hot dog business, but for decades they’ve been peddling a whopper.

Showmen behind Nathan’s annual Fourth of July hot dog eating contest have long claimed the tradition began in 1916 as a showdown between patriotic immigrants on the Coney Island boardwalk.

That would make this Monday’s contest a centennial, except for an inconvenient truth: The contest and its backstory were invented in the 1970s by PR men trying to get more attention for Nathan’s, which had just become a publicly traded company.

“Our objective was to take a photograph and get it in the New York newspaper,” acknowledges Wayne Norbitz, who served as president of Nathan’s for 26 years and still sits on the board of directors.

Norbitz is careful to say that the company’s source for the 1916 story is “legend has it.” He says the first contest actually happened in 1972, and the early chowdowns were all small, sparsely attended affairs.

“We’d honestly wait for a couple of fat guys to walk by and ask them if they wanted to be in a hot dog contest,” he says.

The legend of the hot dog

contest conveniently dates to 1916, the same year Polish immigrant Nathan Handwerker opened his Coney Island hot dog stand using a \$300 loan from two friends.

As the story goes, an Irish immigrant named James Mullen had been walking in Coney Island when he challenged a group of recent immigrants to prove who was the most American. Of course, they decided to settle it by eating hot dogs. It was a tale repeated over the years in stories by numerous news organizations, including The Associated Press.

Mortimer Matz, one of the contest’s hype men, unapologetically admitted to The New York Times in 2010 that “in Coney Island pitchman style, we made it up.”

The winner of that first contest in 1972 was able to shove 14 hot dogs and buns down in 12 minutes.

It remained on a small scale until the 1980s, when competitive eaters from Japan began joining the contest, growing it quickly into a full-fledged competition with weigh-ins and elaborate introductions similar to those of a heavyweight championship fight.

Joey “Jaws” Chestnut set the world record in 2013 when he polished off 69 dogs in 10 minutes. His run of



In this Sept. 10, 1958 file photo, hot dogs are cooked on the grill as customers line up at Nathan’s Famous in Coney Island in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

eight straight victories ended last year when he lost the Mustard Yellow International Belt in an upset.

He’ll be vying to regain the title this year before a huge crowd. Millions more will watch on ESPN.

Organizers held their annual weigh-in for the contest Friday in Brooklyn. The event featured a stare-down between Chestnut and the defending men’s champion,

Matt “The Megatoad” Stonie, as well as between defending women’s champion Miki Sudo and three-time champion Sonya “The Black Widow” Thomas.

“It’s so popular that in certain parts of the U.S. and certain parts of the world, people know Nathan’s because of the contest,” Norbitz says. “The first thing they’ll say many times is ‘Nathan’s, that’s the hot dog eating contest.’”



# Taylor Swift hosts July Fourth bash at seaside mansion

**WESTERLY, R.I. (AP)**—Taylor Swift is celebrating the July Fourth weekend with a group of famous friends at her seaside mansion in Rhode Island.

The New York Daily News reports (<http://nydn.us/29eyyIP>) the pop star and

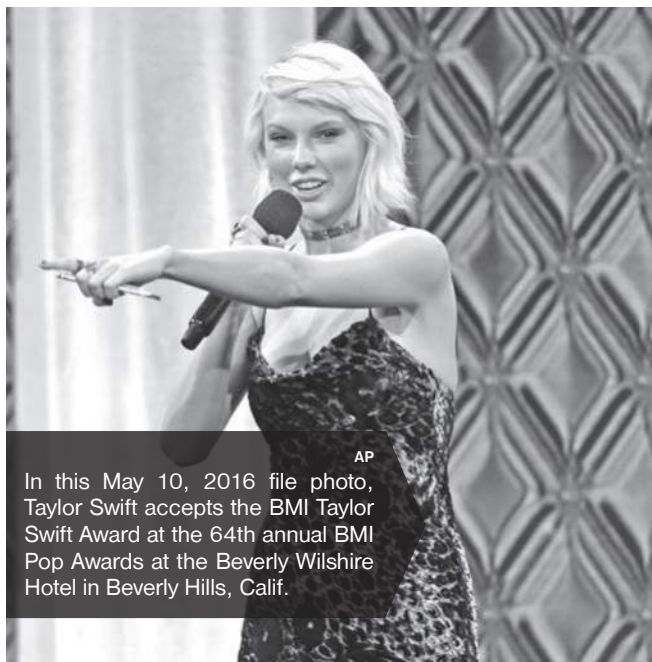
her entourage were spotted in the waves Sunday in Westerly.

The singer's new beau, actor Tom Hiddleston, was in attendance, along with actors Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively and fashion models Gigi Hadid and Karlie Kloss.

Swift has hosted a num-

ber of Independence Day bashes at the mansion over the years.

Last year, Swift invited several model pals to join in the festivities. In 2014, her guest list included actors Emma Stone, Andrew Garfield and Lena Dunham.



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In this May 10, 2016 file photo, Taylor Swift accepts the BMI Taylor Swift Award at the 64th annual BMI Pop Awards at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

'Major improvements' cited in handling of Kenny Chesney show

**PITTSBURGH (AP)**—Officials in Pittsburgh said they were pleased with the way they handled Saturday's Kenny Chesney concert in the city over the weekend.

More than three dozen people were taken to hospitals and seven arrests were made, but Guy Costa, Pittsburgh's chief operations officer, said "major, major improvements" had been made since past concerts.

A 2013 concert by the country artist in the city drew national headlines after 73 people were arrested and patrons left behind more than 30 tons of trash.

This year, the city provided 200 portable toilets and distributed free trash bags, and Heinz Field staffers turned away visibly intoxicated ticket-holders at the gates.

"I think that screening helped us out as well," said Wendell Hissrich, the city's public safety director.

Pittsburgh police chief Cameron McLay said his officers witnessed an "incredible" amount of alcohol being consumed between noon and 8 p.m. the day of the concert, and all of the arrests and citations were alcohol-related, but officers had to break up fewer fights than in years past.

## DJ Mustard on the beat, and all over the pop charts

**ATLANTA (AP)**—DJ Mustard is living the dream: He's produced a number of pop hits in the last two years, performs regularly at popular festivals, holds a monthly residency in Las Vegas and is currently on tour with Rihanna.

Mustard feels like his musical presence is finally taking form.

"This is all about building my empire, my brand," said Mustard, who was given his nickname by family members because his first name is Di-

jon. "I want my hands in all the pots and not just one. I want to make the right moves that'll put me in the right place."

Mustard's recent move is his latest single "Don't Hurt Me," featuring Nicki Minaj and Jeremih. He played the song for the first time last week on the European leg of Rihanna's ANTI tour: In Dublin, the DJ thought about capping his performance with an upbeat version of Adele's "Hello" until he was swarmed with tweets calling for him to

play his new song.

One tweet in particular helped change his mind.

"This girl tweeted me saying, 'Noooo, play 'Don't Hurt Me,'" he recalled. "No disrespect to Adele. Her record is amazing, huge. But they didn't want me to mess around, particularly the girl who tweeted me so I had to. When I introduced the song saying it was with Nicki and Jeremih, they went crazy like they've heard it a million times already."

Mustard believes "Don't Hurt Me" is another "piece to the puzzle" to many of his previous hits in an effort to show his full body of work. He became known for his production work on rap and R&B smashes that have dominated on the pop charts, including Tyga's "Rack City," Omari-on and Chris Brown's "Post to Be," Big Sean's "I Don't F--- with You," Jeremih's "Don't Tell 'Em" and Rihanna's "Needed Me," among other tracks.

The Los Angeles-based producer's up-tempo, catchy sound was everywhere in 2014 as fans had become familiar with his signature catchphrase, "Mustard on the beat." He helped ignite the careers of new artists from YG, Kid Ink and Ty Dolla Sign while working with established musicians including Kanye West, T.I., Fergie and Jennifer Lopez.



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In this Nov. 15, 2015 file photo, DJ Mustard attends the VH1 Big In 2015 with Entertainment Weekly Award Show held at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood, Calif.

## 'Top Gear' stalls as ratings plummet; host Evans quits

**LONDON (AP)**—"Top Gear" host Chris Evans announced Monday that he's quitting the BBC's flagship car show after just one series.

Evans, 50, who also hosts a popular BBC radio breakfast show, told his 2.31 million Twitter followers: "Stepping down from Top Gear. Gave it my best shot but sometimes that's not enough. The team are beyond brilliant, I wish them all the best."

The adrenaline-fueled car show has struggled to draw a big audience since it was relaunched in May, hosted by Evans and former "Friends" star Matt LeBlanc.

The revamped show attracted just 1.9 million viewers to its season finale on Sunday, down from 5.8 million viewers when outspoken trio Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May were at the helm.



AP  
An Oct. 6, 2015 photo from files of Chris Evans, left, standing with "The Stig" in Cannes, France.

## Unrequited love for best friend is dead-end street

**DEAR ABBY:** Five years into our marriage, my wife and I took a girlfriend, "Sonya." I fell madly in love with her. Unfortunately, my relationship with my wife cooled because she changed as a person. We ended up divorcing.

I'm still in love with Sonya, but obviously nothing will ever come of it. I'm her confidant and best friend, and she tells me all about her dating life.

I'm having trouble dealing with it, but I don't think I could handle not seeing her face light up when she speaks about her new girlfriend. My love for Sonya runs to my core—it's one for the ages. She IS my soul. I don't want to lose her as my best friend, but I don't know how to manage the pain of my unrequited love. Please help me.

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**DEAR DEMOLISHED:** Your love for Sonya may run to the core, but it isn't returned. If she's in love with another woman, your chances of winding up with her are somewhere between slim and none. That's why you must now decide if a bleeding heart is a condition you really want to live with. My advice is to be kind to yourself, get off a track that is leading nowhere and look for someone who can love you back.

**DEAR ABBY:** My lady friend and I have been living in the same apartment building for a year. It is a retirement community, and we each have our own apartment. (We are both in our 90s.) We are together almost every day. We are Roman Catholic and attend church services at least twice a week.

My problem is, I want her to sleep with me in the same bed, but without having sex. She says sleeping together is wrong, against God's will and we should not do it. I said as long as we don't have sex, we are not committing a sin. I talked to a priest about this and he agreed with me. What do you think?

NONAGENARIAN IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR NONAGENARIAN:** If your priest blesses it, who am I to argue?

**DEAR ABBY:** All my life, I've put my belt on from left to right. I never really questioned why. Just reckoned it had something to do with me being right-handed.

Recently, an old acquaintance told me I have been doing it wrong. According to him, only women do it from the left. Men belt up right-to-left.

Abby, who's right? Is there a correct way to wear a belt? Is it a gender thing, a comfort thing or does it even matter?

NOT TOO BIG FOR MY BRITCHES

## DEAR ABBY

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**DEAR NOT TOO BIG:** Most men insert their belts from left to right, and most women do it from right to left. However, unless you are a member of the military and must adhere to a strict dress code, you have the right to buckle your belt whichever way you wish.

**TO MY MUSLIM READERS:** A happy Eid al-Fitr, one and all.

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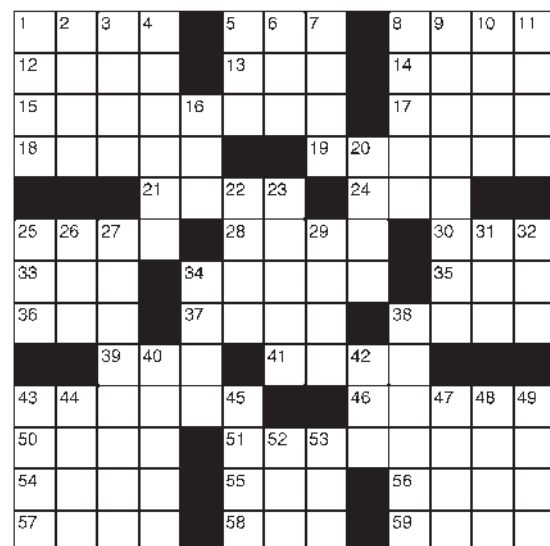
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Yesterday's answer 7-6



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**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Look for the best ways to use your skills to help others. Your dedication and loyalty to your beliefs will encourage you to ignore anyone who thinks differently. A romantic adventure will improve a special relationship. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't divulge your plans. Wait and see what everyone else is going to do first. By offering your help, you will get a better sense of what it will take to get what you want. An emotional response will encourage positive change. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't waste your time on someone who is playing with your emotions. Get to the point and make yourself clear. Once you let go of the negativity in your life, you will be able to make positive moves that will improve your situation. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't take unnecessary risks. A poor choice will lead to a loss. Focus on personal changes that will help you feel good about the way you look and the things you do. A change will encourage you to work harder. ★★★★★

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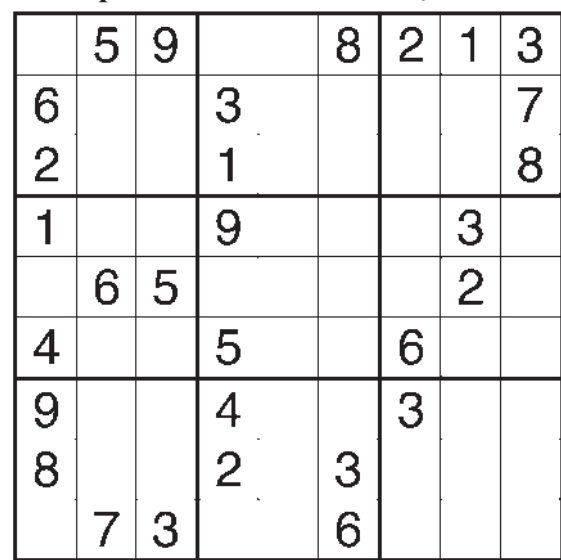
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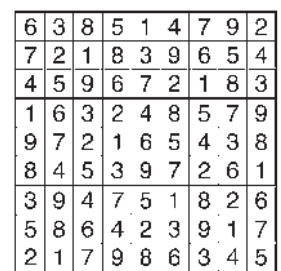


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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Durant's move to Warriors changes NBA land



**OKLAHOMA CITY** (AP)—Four All-Stars, two MVPs, a whole new Splash Family in Golden State.

Kevin Durant's decision to join the Warriors on Monday sent tremors through the NBA, and players and executives throughout the league immediately started to contemplate how the newest super team would alter the landscape.

"That's crazy!!!! KD in GSW?????" Wizards center Marcin Gortat tweeted. "(Are) they gonna score 200 points a game?"

The Warriors already were a super team before one of the league's most unstoppable scorers decided to leave Oklahoma City for the Bay Area. Golden State won the championship in 2015, rolled to a regular-season record 73 victories last season and came within one game of back-to-back titles when they lost to the Cleveland Cavaliers Game 7 of the NBA Finals.

Now they have added the player who nearly eliminated them a round earlier.

Though not everyone is anointing them next year's champions.

"Everyone is so hyped up on the matchup problems on the offensive end? They still gotta come down the other end," Pistons All-Star center Andre Drummond tweeted. "Not a very big team."

Durant's decision immediately rekindled the discussion about stars leaving teams to chase a championship elsewhere. Durant spent his first nine seasons in Oklahoma City.

While there, he helped lead the Thunder to the Western Conference finals four times and to the NBA Finals in 2012, where they lost to the Heat, another super team formed when LeBron James and Chris Bosh joined Dwyane Wade in Miami.

Durant himself spoke out negatively about creating super teams when James made his decision in 2010.

But after the Thunder could never get to the top of the mountain with Durant, Russell Westbrook and Serge Ibaka—and even though they had the Warriors down 3-1 in the conference finals—Durant opted to head west.

"If you can't beat um, join um," Clippers forward Paul Pierce tweeted to tweak Durant.

When James left Cleveland for Miami, stars such as Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and Magic Johnson were critical of the decision to join forces with players he had competed against.

"There's no way, with hind-



sight, I would've ever called up Larry (Bird), called up Magic and said, 'Hey, look, let's get together and play on one team,'" Jordan said in 2010. "But that's ... things are different. I can't say that's a bad thing. It's an opportunity these kids have today. In all honesty, I was trying to beat those guys."

Denver Nuggets forward Jusuf Nurkic was equally puz-

zled by Durant's decision.

"Somebody beat you! And you go there... ?" Nurkic tweeted. "Superstar not doing that man."

While Durant has never been too concerned by outside opinions, his decision may also have ramifications on the NBA's collective bargaining negotiations.

During the last lockout, the owners pushed to make

changes to the agreement so that teams, especially those in smaller markets, would have a bigger advantage in retaining players.

Commissioner Adam Silver has said in the past that those changes were effective, but the influx of new money into the system this summer from the league's new \$24 billion television contract, and Stephen Curry's bargain contract that

was negotiated when he was struggling with ankle injuries, conspired to give the Warriors enough wiggle room to spend \$54 million on Durant.

The league and the players' union can opt out of the current CBA this year, and both sides have been negotiating to try to avoid another work stoppage.

One of the biggest talking points Silver has been making

## Pau Gasol, Spurs set on \$30-million, 2-year deal

**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—The Spurs didn't waste any time after losing out in the Kevin Durant sweepstakes.

The Spurs agreed to a two-year deal with veteran forward Pau Gasol on Monday, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

The deal is worth more than \$30 million and final terms will be completed after the Spurs make a move or two to create the necessary cap space, according to the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract cannot be signed until Thursday.

The Spurs were one of six teams granted a meeting with Durant last weekend, and they had hoped to sell the biggest available free agent on joining the most consistently successful American sports franchise of the last two decades. But Durant announced on Monday he was leaving the Oklahoma City Thunder for the Golden State Warriors, making the Western Conference even more daunting for

the Spurs and the rest of the contenders.

That didn't stop the Spurs from remaining aggressive in hopes of matching a team that won a league-record 73 regular-season games and just added a fourth All-Star to its roster.

Gasol has been one of the league's most talented and versatile big men for the last 15 years. He spent the last two seasons in Chicago and averaged 16.5 points, 11.0 rebounds and 4.1 assists this year, his game showing few signs of aging even as he prepares to turn 36 on Wednesday.

In many ways, it's a perfect match for the Spurs, who have long coveted international players for their polished skills and unselfish approach. He will fit right in with Gregg Popovich's ball-moving system, and the Spurs' reputation for resting players so they can be fresh for the playoffs had to be appealing to Gasol, who will be entering his 16th NBA season.

There were a number of

suitors lining up for him, including Portland, Minnesota and Toronto. The Timberwolves offered him a two-year deal worth \$36 million to open negotiations, but Gasol wanted to play for a team that was ready to contend for the championship.

### Westbrook's future next hurdle for OKC

Meanwhile, after losing Durant chose to Golden State Warriors, the Thunder's focus now has to be primarily Russell Westbrook who they still have on the roster—at least for now. Westbrook's future is unclear. He is heading into the final year of his deal, and he could be traded before that.

"Anything like that with Russell is hypothetical," Thunder general manager Sam Presti said Monday. "Everybody knows how we feel about Russell."

Westbrook won the 2015 scoring title and finished fourth in the MVP balloting last season, ahead of Durant, who finished fifth. West-

brook, the two-time reigning All-Star MVP, has consistently improved throughout his career, and he could take his game to another level without sharing the load with Durant, a four-time scoring champion and former league MVP.

"Russell Westbrook is a force of nature," Presti said. "He is a true leader in the sense that he takes it on. He takes it on, and I think he'll take this on, as well. This is a different situation, and I know that Russell will adjust and adapt to that."

The Thunder have been making changes to their roster, and now more will undoubtedly come.

Oklahoma City dealt Serge Ibaka to Orlando on draft night in exchange for shooting guard Victor Oladipo, forward Ersan Ilyasova and draft pick Domantas Sabonis, a move that improved their depth and shored up their inconsistent shooting guard position.

The Thunder tried to lure Al Horford, who ended up going to the Boston Celtics.

**AP**  
In a Monday, May 30, 2016 file photo, Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant (35) reacts during the second half of Game 7 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif. Durant announced Monday, July 4, 2016, that he is joining All-Stars Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson with the Golden State Warriors.

over the past six months is the league's continued push for more parity.

"The intention wasn't that in this system that teams could sign, without going above the tax, that many max player contracts and that many All-Stars," Silver said during All-Star weekend in Toronto.

"So if you ask me from a league standpoint, we would prefer that our All-Stars be distributed around the league rather than having so many All-Stars in one market. But we'll see what happens this summer."

The summer is here, and so are the Warriors, who still have work to do.

The Heat went 2-2 in the finals during the James, Wade and Bosh era, including a loss to the underdog Dallas Mavericks in their first season together. When James went back to Cleveland to team up with Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving, the Cavaliers lost in the finals their first year before winning this season.

And everyone remembers the Los Angeles Lakers falling short both in 2003-04 - when Gary Payton and Karl Malone joined Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal to chase a title—and even more spectacularly in 2012-13 when Dwight Howard and Steve Nash came to town.

This time appears to be different, with all four of Golden State's All-Stars aged 28 or younger and squarely in their prime.

"Only problem there's only 1 ball," Jazz center Rudy Gobert tweeted.

And only so much money, as odd as that sounds this summer.

So the Warriors have agreed to trade Andrew Bogut and will likely have to jettison Harrison Barnes—two important cogs for them the past two seasons—and will rely on several minimum salary veterans to fill out the roster for depth. They will also face a crush of attention and many hoping they fail.

Warriors forward Draymond Green no doubt understands this, and got straight to the point with Durant in his first message to him on Twitter:

"Block out the noise."



# Mets rally from 6 runs down to beat Marlins



**NEW YORK (AP)** —

Chased early again, Matt Harvey took a seat in the Mets dugout after helping Miami to a 6-0 lead in the fourth inning, a white towel draped over his left shoulder, a despondent look on his face as he leaned forward and stared at the field.

"It wasn't fun being out there while I was," he said, "but it was obviously fun watching the team battle back like that."

And what a comeback it was.

Travis d'Arnaud and Curtis Granderson started the revival with solo homers, Yoenis Cespedes hit a tiebreaking, two-run double off Fernando Rodney in the eighth and Jeurys Familia escaped trouble by inducing a game-ending double play. New York scored in every inning from the fourth through the eighth, spraying key hits like Fourth of July fireworks to beat the Marlins 8-6 Monday and extend their winning streak to five.

"These ones are special," rookie Brandon Nimmo said. "These ones take a lot of heart and a lot of grit."

Harvey tied his season high by allowing 11 hits in 3 2/3 innings and made a throwing error that led to three runs, but Erik Goeddel, Logan Verrett, Hansel Robles, Jerry Blevins (3-0) and Familia combined for shutout relief. The Mets even overcame a pair of replay reviews overturning calls that originally went their way.

Down after losing three games at first-place Washington last week, New York followed its four-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs with its biggest comeback win since rallying from a 7-1, seventh-

inning deficit to win 8-7 at the Nationals last Sept. 8, and the Mets closed within four games of the NL East leaders.

## Indians 5, Tigers 3

In Cleveland, Mike Napoli hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh inning and the Indians remained perfect in 10 games against the Tigers this season.

Napoli hit an 0-1 pitch from Bruce Rondon (2-1) into the left-field bleachers, helping the Indians to their 12th straight win at home.

## Giants 3, Rockies 1

In San Francisco, Angel Pagan hit a two-run homer and Buster Posey also connected to back Jake Peavy as San Francisco beat Colorado.

Peavy (5-7) struck out six over 6 2/3 innings to bounce back from his third-shortest outing of the season. He left to a standing ovation and tipped his cap while exiting in the seventh after a two-out single by pinch-hitter Cristhian Adames.

## Pirates 4, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Gregory Polanco homered twice and Jonathon Niese turned in his best start in almost a month to help Pittsburgh win its fifth straight -- all on the road.

Polanco's two-run homer in the sixth inning off Carlos Martinez (7-6) put the Pirates ahead to stay 2-1. He added a solo shot in the eighth for the first two-homer game of his career.

## Phillies 8, Braves 2

In Philadelphia, Jerad Eickhoff pitched neatly into the eighth inning, and Odubel Herrera and Maikel Franco each hit a two-run homer as Philadelphia beat Atlanta.

Eickhoff (6-9) gave up two



New York Mets shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera, right, turns a double play over Miami Marlins' Derek Dietrich to end the baseball game Monday, July 4, 2016 in New York. The Mets defeated the Marlins, 8-6.

straight day to lift Houston over Seattle.

McCullers (4-2) allowed five hits and one run while matching his season high for strikeouts. Luke Gregerson pitched a perfect eighth.

## White Sox 8, Yankees 2

In Chicago, Tim Anderson and Dioner Navarro each hit a two-run homer off CC Sabathia, helping James Shields and the Chicago White Sox beat New York.

Chicago had a string of 15 consecutive solo shots, matching a franchise record, before Anderson connected in the third inning to tie it at 2.

## Rays 4, Angels 2

In St. Petersburg, Logan Morrison homered and drove in two runs to help struggling Tampa Bay end a four-game losing streak with a victory over Los Angeles.

Matt Moore (5-5) allowed two runs over 6 2/3 innings, improving to 4-0 in his career against Los Angeles and handing the slumping Angels their 12th loss in 14 games.

## Athletics 3, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Coco Crisp snapped a seventh-inning tie with a two-run single, and Oakland stopped a four-game skid by beating Minnesota.

Kendall Graveman (4-6) halted a recent slide by the A's rotation. He allowed three hits and one run in 6 2/3 innings.

## Dodgers 7, Orioles 5

In Los Angeles, Corey Seager tripled and scored the tie-breaking run on Justin Turner's sacrifice fly in the seventh inning to lead the Dodgers to their fifth straight victory, over the slumping Orioles.

Chase Utley had three hits and drove in two runs for the Dodgers. Yasiel Puig and Yasmani Grandal hit back-to-back homers in the second inning for the Dodgers.

## Padres 8, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Derek Norris drove in three runs with a home run and a double before leaving with an injury and the Padres handed the Diamondbacks yet another home loss.

The Padres' Yangervis Solarte added a two-run homer and Luis Perdomo (3-3) pitched six solid innings to get the victory.

runs and five hits, striking out eight in 7 2/3 innings to win for the fourth time in five decisions.

## Cubs 10, Reds 4

In Chicago, Kris Bryant hit his 24th home run before leaving with a bruised leg, Willson Contreras and Addison Russell also went deep, and Chicago pounded struggling Cincinnati.

Playing the NL Central's last-place team was just what the major league-leading Cubs needed after getting outscored 32-11 in a four-game sweep by the Mets in New York.

## Blue Jays 6, Royals 2

In Toronto, Aaron Sanchez pitched eight innings to win his eighth straight decision, and Josh Donaldson and Darwin Barney each hit a two-run

single in a four-run seventh inning to send Toronto past Kansas City.

Troy Tulowitzki had two hits as the Blue Jays won a rematch of last year's AL Championship Series, which Kansas City took in six games.

## Brewers 1, Nationals 0

In Washington, Junior Guerra outpitched Max Scherzer, Martin Maldonado homered and Milwaukee defeated Washington to snap a four-game losing streak.

Guerra (6-1) allowed two hits in 7 1/3 innings while striking out seven and walking two. The 31-year-old rookie threw eight scoreless innings of two-hit ball in his previous start and has won three straight.

## Red Sox 12, Rangers 5

In Boston, Brock Holt hit a two-run homer and Sandy Leon had four hits, including three of Boston's season-high nine doubles against Texas.

Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer, and Travis Shaw and Dustin Pedroia each added a solo shot as the Red Sox banged out 13 extra-base hits.

## Astros 2, Mariners 1

In Houston, Lance McCullers struck out 10 in seven strong innings and George Springer homered for the second

# Djokovic conqueror Querrey reaches 1st Slam QF

**LONDON (AP)**—One match after a stunning victory over two-time reigning champion Novak Djokovic at Wimbledon, there was no let-down for Sam Querrey.

And Querrey was all too aware people might have wondered whether he could follow that up with another strong performance.

"If I didn't win, there would have been a lot of, 'Wow, it was kind of a fluky match against Novak, because you didn't back it up,'" Querrey said. "I feel like I did a really good job of putting my head down and playing really well today."

Using his strong serve to produce 23 aces and getting broken only once, the 41st-ranked Querrey eliminated France's Nicolas Mahut 6-4,

7-6 (5), 6-4 on Monday at the All England Club to reach the first Grand Slam quarterfinal of his career.

Another significant statistic attached to this Fourth of July victory for Querrey: He is the first American man to make it to the final eight at any major tournament since 2011, when Andy Roddick and John Isner lost at that stage of the U.S. Open.

That year was also the last time a man from the country, Mardy Fish, was a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon.

Heady stuff for Querrey, a 28-year-old Californian who is so laid-back on the court that he absentmindedly flips or twirls his racket while

waiting to receive serve.

"It must be natural," Querrey said, "because I didn't really know I did it."

After ending the No. 1-ranked Djokovic's 30-match Grand Slam winning streak in the third round, Querrey acknowledged, "I'm sure there's been times where I've been much too casual and relaxed and I've lost a lot of matches."

That cool demeanor is serving Querrey well this fortnight, though.

"I haven't felt many nerves yet this week. I think I'm kind of over that almost," he said. "Hopefully will just kind of play freely and have fun and play big and hopefully get an-

other win."

To reach the semifinals, Querrey will need to get past No. 6 seeded Milos Raonic of Canada. Raonic constructed the first comeback from a two-set deficit in his career Monday, beating No. 11 David Goffin of Belgium 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Querrey holds a 2-1 head-to-head edge over Raonic, a two-time major semifinalist, including at Wimbledon in 2014.

One thing Querrey does not seem to want to do is put his monumental upset of Djokovic out of his mind.

"I'm not going to lie: After the Novak match, I watched every highlight I could over and over," Querrey said. "Enjoyed the hell out of that moment."





# Khedira out for Germany in semis clash vs France

**EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France** (AP)—Germany midfielder Sami Khedira has been ruled out of Thursday's European Championship semifinal against France, while Bastian Schweinsteiger is struggling to be fit for the clash in Marseille.

Striker Mario Gomez was already ruled out with a muscle tear in his right thigh sustained during Germany's quarterfinal win over Italy, while defender Mats Hummels is suspended.

Germany coach Joachim Loew says, "We'll have to find solutions."

Khedira has a left groin injury. "We'll do everything possible so that he's available for a possible final," Loew said.

Schweinsteiger, whose season was disrupted by two serious right knee injuries, took a knock to the same knee in Saturday's game against Italy and strained a ligament.

Borussia Dortmund's Julian Weigl or Liverpool's Emre Can could step in if the 31-year-old Schweinsteiger doesn't make it.

Meanwhile, Loew is drawing on the experience of routing World Cup host Brazil 7-1 two years ago as he prepares for Thursday's European Championship semifinal against France.

Germany went on to win the 2014 World Cup after embarrassing Brazil in the semifinal in Belo Horizonte and Loew is



Italy's Eder, left, vie for the ball with Germany's Sami Khedira during the Euro 2016 quarterfinal soccer match at the Nouveau Stade in Bordeaux, France, Saturday, July 2, 2016.

pionship in 1984 and World Cup in 1998. France followed up by winning Euro 2000 as world champion, a feat Germany is now trying to match despite the absence of several key players for Thursday's match.

That 6-5 win on penalties came at a cost for Loew's side. Striker Mario Gomez was ruled out for the rest of the tournament after tearing a muscle in his right thigh, while defender Mats Hummels was booked and will be suspended against France.

The unfortunate Gomez, who missed the World Cup win through injury-induced poor form, celebrates his 31st birthday on the day of the final.

Borussia Dortmund's Julian Weigl or Liverpool's Emre Can could step in if Schweinsteiger, whose season was disrupted by two serious injuries to the same knee, doesn't recover in time.

Mario Goetze could return for Gomez, or Thomas Mueller could move inside to lead the line despite his puzzling failure to score in 10 games over two European Championships. Mueller even missed a penalty in the shootout against Italy.

Loew said he wasn't worried about the forward who contributed nine of Germany's 24 goals in qualifying.

## 6 BJJ

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words, their techniques are so sound, they made all the moves look easy and taught us how to be way more efficient in exploiting them," said Trench Tech founder and owner Cuki Alvarez.

"Since the inception of Trench Tech 12 years ago, we have mainly done MMA and No Gi. As of 2012, we decided to diversify our training and add more traditional form of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu to our regimen and training program. This also allows us to get legitimately 'ranked' in the sport with the belting system," added Cuki, who owns

a purple belt (third level).

The Trench Tech founder further explained that although MMA competitions are more popular on Saipan than BJJ contests, the latter is better in terms of longevity.

"To be a true 'martial artist,' one must indulge himself in all aspects of the game. MMA is a brutal sport and its longevity isn't very promising. As for BJJ, you can do it till you're 100. BJJ is known as 'The Gentle Art' and one can utilize technique over power. You do not have to be the strongest guy or most athletic to dominate and control your opponent," Cuki said.

Cuki thanked Roberto and Sian for sharing their knowl-

edge to Saipan BJJ practitioners last week.

"We all want to improve and learn from the best. It is one thing to share moves and techniques with your training partners, but it's totally a different experience when you are learning from a legitimate black belt. Their attention to details in explaining and executing the moves are unparalleled. It makes it more exciting and fun to learn knowing you are getting very quality instructions," he said.

Meanwhile, three more BJJ practitioners were recognized last week after their notable showing during Roberto's camp.

Siblings Mark and Mild

Thompson and Bong Bong Martinez got stripes on their white belts. "They were given one white stripe. A stripe signifies a practitioner's improvement in the level and encourages him/her to continue working hard and learning more in order to eventually get promoted to the next belt—in this case blue. A player can receive anywhere from 1-4 stripes before getting fully promoted based on their skills set," said Alvarez, who awarded the stripes to the three while belts.

"They still have long ways to go, but are showing promise on receiving their blue belts in the next year or two," he added.

Meanwhile, the 670 Sonics would like to thank the following for supporting their PH trip: First Lady Dianne Torres, Rep. Angel Demapan, Rep. Vinnie Sablan, Rep. Ed Propst, Rep. Edmund Villagomez, Sen. Sixto Igisomar, Rep. BJ Attao, PHI Pharmacy, Best Sunshine, Pacific Islands Club, Pizza Hut, WE>1 Clothing, Island Brand Clothing, Balas Brand Clothing, Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Sonics players' families, and Abner Venus.

"We want to thank Laguna for the hospitality and for having us in this friendship tournament. They want us to come back next year and we hope to do so by fundraising again," Tudela said.

"Next on our PH visit is a two-day basketball clinic with Pinoy Dreamers director Beaujing Acot, who was Jericho Cruz first coach at Rizal Technological University. We will see Jericho as well at the clinic," Tudela added.

up short. Our boys gained a lot from this experience and that was one of our goals. We also want to showcase CNMI talents in off-island tournaments," Sonics head coach Jesse Tudela said.

Jaymark De Guzman had 21 points in the finale, while Jack Aranda and Nino Feria chipped in 15 and 12. Joining De Guzman and Feria on the team were Eric Dela Rosa, Mike Espinosa, Jun Fidelino, Djaymarch Ong, Sean Rabasto, Mike Arciaga, Prince Fac-

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Ronald Marasigan nailing three charities and Rodelson Himor splitting his free throws.

"Our players played their best but came up short. We gave SPC the credit as they shot well and defended well. Our players were hungry to win as we were beaten badly by SPC in the first game and I am happy with how our boys performed. We had SPC right where we want them but came

main favorites before the tournament.

"They are different from the Italians, not quite so defensive. They have strong players going forward, (Paul) Pogba from midfield, (Blaise) Matuidi. So it's a game of two teams at eye-level. It's super that there are such games. I love these knockout games against such strong opponents."

Of France's three major titles, two were won on home soil—the European Cham-

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pre-dental hygiene. After two years, I hope to gain another full scholarship to either a Division I or II university. At NMMI I will also be able to interact with different people from other places and eventually make new friends," said Lopez, who is excited and at the same time a bit nervous of her move from Saipan to the mainland.

"Moving from a small island to New Mexico is a big change for me. However, I have talked to Thea countless times so that I would be prepared physically and mentally. She provided me with a lot of words of encouragement, telling me I should not worry because her friends and former teammates will help guide me at NMML," the 19-year-old player said. "She also said that I will love how friendly the environment is. The teachers and students are like families. One major struggle I might face though is waking up at 5:30am

everyday for training, but Thea said I will get used to it."

Lopez will be teaming up with Papua New Guinea's Lorish Puluspene and the Federate States of Micronesia's Amanda Hawkins, who are both familiar faces to the former having seen them play in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji, and two others.

"Lorish will still be there for a year and there's a girl from Ghana (Francesca Nyarko) that I will be meeting her soon. They are very good players and I know we will make a good team this year," the newest Bronco member added.

The former CNMI junior player won't be leaving Saipan until Aug. 2, but at this early, she is missing the members of the tennis community.

"I will forever miss playing for the CNMI junior tennis team. I will miss my friends and coaches' constant support. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be where I am today," the 2012 NMSA Female Student Athlete of the Year said.



# CNMI vs Guam in Micronesian Baseball Classic Finals

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The CNMI All-Stars' Ben Jones waits for the pitch during the bottom of the fifth inning of their title game against Guam in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic last Friday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The CNMI won in extra inning, 15-14.



CNMI pitcher Peter Lieto eyes his target during the top of the sixth inning.



CNMI pitcher Jay Tajerón catches a throw from home plate.



CNMI players huddle before the start of the bottom of the ninth inning.



The CNMI's Verlance Secharmidal, center, attempts to steal second base.



The CNMI's Lamar Iguel gets ready at bat.



Guam players exchange high-fives heading into the bottom of the eighth inning of the finals.



CNMI and Guam players show sportsmanship after their close match.



From left, manager Henry Lizama, coach Manny Sablan, and player Pete Tomokane celebrate after the CNMI rallied past Guam in the finale.





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# Lopez to play collegiate tennis

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**F**ormer CNMI junior tennis player Mikayla Lopez is leaving Saipan next month to begin a new chapter in her student-athlete life.

Lopez received a full athletic scholarship from New Mexico Military Institute—the same school that recruited NCAA Division II-bound and former CNMI top junior player Thea Minor.

“I am thankful and honored to receive a full scholarship from NMML. I will not only be representing NMML in tennis, but also in cross country,” the Marianas High School graduate said.

“I would like to thank coach Dan O’Connell for giving me this wonderful opportunity to play at a collegiate level to further improve my skills,” Lopez added.

O’Connell was the former and first ITF Pacific Oceania

developmental officer before he was named head coach of the Bronco women’s tennis team in 2013. He made repeated visits to Saipan as he had been helping NMML find talents from the Pacific even before he accepted the coaching post from the school three years ago.

Minor was his first recruit from the Commonwealth and after the former completed her two-year stint with the Bronco, O’Connell also helped the CNMI player move to Henderson State University—a NCAA Division II school in Arkansas.

Lopez’s new squad, on the other hand, competes in Division I of the National Junior College Athletics Association.



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Mikayla Lopez, seen here playing in the 2015 Northern Marianas Junior Championships, will be suiting up for the New Mexico Military Institute this year.

“At NMML, I am looking forward to taking classes in

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## Sonics settle for runner-up finish in PH caging

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The 670 Sonics fell short in their title bid in the Inaugural 670 Sonics-Laguna Philippines Friendship Basketball Tournament as San Pablo College pulled off a 95-90 win in their finale last Monday night at the Laguna State Polytechnic University court. Despite losing the title

match, the Sonics’ last game in the tournament was way better than their first meeting against the heavily favored team. SPC crushed the Sonics in the latter’s debut in the four-team competition last Saturday, 102-71.

In their rematch, the Sonics managed to keep SPC within striking distance. The eventual champion led by only 6 after the first period, 31-25, while the Sonics cut the deficit to 5 at halftime, 43-48.

SPC behind its four triples in the third period gained more cushion, 76-66, but the Sonics made repeated comebacks in the fourth to remain in contention.

The visiting squad spread the wealth in the final canto to give SPC a good fight before the latter banked on their free throws to secure the victory. SPC’s last 4 markers were all made from the foul line with

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670 Sonics players and officials pose with their runner-up trophy during the awards ceremony for the 670 Sonics-Laguna Philippines Friendship Basketball Tournament last Monday night at the Laguna State Polytechnic University court. San Pablo College defeated the Sonics in the finals, 95-90.

## 6 BJJ practitioners get promotion

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Six Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioners from Saipan were promoted from white belt to blue belt during Purebred Guam BJJ head professor Stephen Roberto’s visit to the island last week.

Trench Tech MMA fighter Vince “The Clinch” Masga led Saipan’s new roster of blue belts and was joined by Alverick Alvarez, Jack Kiyo-

shi, Rey Kim, Ken Tanzawa, and the lone female member of the select group—Josephine Togawa. The blue belt is the second level in belt rankings among adults BJJ practitioners. There are eight levels in the rankings.

Masga and company were promoted after joining the four-day camp of the black belt Roberto and another professor, Eric Sian, at the Trench Tech Gym in

Garapan.

“To have 2 BJJ black belts at our academy this past week was an awesome experience to say the least. Their wisdom and knowledge of the game and years and years of training allowed them to show us some very basic and advanced moves in a simplified manner where we were able to execute them with little or no struggle. In other

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Trench Tech’s BJJ practitioners and Purebred Guam BJJ head professor Stephen Roberto, third left front row, gather for a group photo after a session at the Trench Tech Gym in Garapan last weekend.